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Anthony Molargik

FORT WAYNE — Anthony T. Molargik, 73, died Saturday morning in the VA Medical center, Fort Wayne. He had lived in Fort Wayne most of his life and was a self-employed cement contractor and Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Lois; a daughter, Sandra Molargik of Fort Wayne; three sons, Donald Molargik, Fort Wayne, Phillip Molargik, Harlan, and Dale Molargik, Bonaire, Ga.; three sisters, Leona Gibson and Therese Lombardo, both of Fort Wayne, and Alvina Molargik, Hudson; six brothers, Albert and Vern Molargik, both of Fort Wayne, Frank Molargik, Kendallville, Michael and Aloysius Molargik, both of Garrett, and William Lawrence Molargik, [illegible]

Services at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., and 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 430 E. Jefferson St. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home where the rosary will be recited at 4 p.m. today. 1-2-1989

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Henry Heiman 1-2-1989

LAOTTO — Henry C. Heiman Sr., 73, of LaOtto, died Saturday evening at home.

He was born Dec. 7, 1915 in Ocheyden, Iowa, the son of Louis and Mary (Martens) Heiman. He and his wife, Naomi were married April 18, 1936 in Auburn. She survives.

Mr. Heiman was a retired farmer.

Surviving with his wife are five sons, Louis Heiman, Kendallville, David and Henry Heiman Jr., both of Avilla, Daniel Heiman, Hudson, and Richard Heiman, Garrett; five sisters, Lucille Brinkman, New Haven, Ella Amstutz, Lorena Heiman, Emman Keltch and LaVerne Stein, all of Fort Wayne; and 15 grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, or the American Cancer Society.

Charles Mitchell

Charles R. Mitchell, 68, of Auburn died Sunday at 5:20 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Mitchell was born Dec. 23, [illegible] Minnie (Wollrath) [illegible] June 7, 1942, he married Marie M. Sisson in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, C. David Mitchell of Anchorage, Alaska, and Patrick J. Mitchell of Auburn; two brothers, Kenneth Mitchell of Auburn, and Dale Mitchell of Muncie; one sister, Sue Jones of Paradise Valley, Ariz.; and six grandchildren.

One sister, Dorothy Mitchell, preceded him in death.

A World War II Army veteran, Mr. Mitchell served Moore Business Forms of Angola as an electronic technician for 20 years. He retired in 1985.

Mr. Mitchell was a member of Auburn's St. Mark's Lutheran Church, the Masonic Lodge F.&A.M. No. 214 of Auburn, and the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne.

There will be no calling hours. A private family funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at McComb, Dilgard, and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn. Officiating will be Dr. Clark E. Hobby, pastor of St. Mark's.

Burial in be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donation may be sent to St. Mark's church or the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Jack E. Albright

Jack Albright, Corunna grocer, dead at 64

CORUNNA — Jack E. Albright, 64, of rural Corunna, died Monday at 7 p.m. in his home. He was the owner-operator of Albright's One-Stop Grocery in Corunna for 35 years.

He was formerly the Corunna postmaster, and was an honorary member of the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department for the past 15

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JACK ALBRIGHT

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years.

He donated the building which houses the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department. He also donated the land for the Richland Township baseball park. He sponsored many little league baseball and basketball teams in the Corunna and Waterloo communities.

He attended Indiana Central College on a baseball and basketball scholarship.

Mr. Albright was a member of the Waterloo Masonic Lodge No. 307, the former Corunna Lions Club, and the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite. He was also a member of the Waterloo Athletic Association. He attended the Corunna Church of Christ.

He was born Mar. 29, 1924 in Grant Township, near Waterloo, to Howard and Jessie (Lower) Albright. His mother survives in Waterloo. His father preceded him in death.

He married Lois Farrington on Dec. 28, 1946. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, David of Corunna and Fritz of Waterloo; two daughters, Kay Brennan of Kendallville and Suzanne Stafford of Story Lake; one foster son, Mike Beadell of Mesa, Ariz.; and one brother, Bobby Albright of Waterloo.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home with Mickael Wagner officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jim Jillette.

Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery, with a military graveside service conducted by the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Pallbearers will be members of the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

Memorial donations may be made to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

Florence DeWitt

1-3-1989

AUBURN — Florence DeWitt, 72, of 1411 Urban St., Auburn, died at 3:20 p.m. Monday in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

[illegible] DeKalb County Nov. 22, 1916. [illegible] December 1937 in Auburn, she married Earl DeWitt. He preceded her in death in June 1987. Mrs. DeWitt was a retired matron at East Noble High School.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Jeannie) Shearer of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Patty Lou Houser of San Francisco, Calif.; a stepson, Earl DeWitt Jr. of Urbana, Ohio; a brother, Raymond Pickard of Irene Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Visitation arrangements are pending at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the [illegible]

Bernie Combs 1-3-1989

AVILLA — Bernie Combs, 52, of Route 1, Avilla, died Sunday evening at McCray Memorial Hospital.

He was born Feb. 11, 1936 in Jackson, Ky., the son of Harrison and Omega (Burcham) Combs. On March 7, 1969, he married Sharon Schlotter, who survives.

Mr. Combs was package coordinator for Dana Corporation, Auburn.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Natalie Hadler and Sherry Combs, both of Santa Rosa, Calif., Nina Bennett of Waterloo, and Cathy Greuter of Avilla; a son, Jason Combs, at home; two sisters, Luraine McNeal and [illegible] three brothers, Carlo Combs of St. Petersburg, Fla., Harrison Combs of Fort Wayne, and Grandview Combs of Haywood, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with Rev. Phillip Widmann officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla, where military graveside rites by American Legion Post 240 will be conducted.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with rosary recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Florence DeWitt

Services for Florence DeWitt, 72, of 1411 Urban St., Auburn, will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Brazell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Friends may call Thursday from [illegible] p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla. Memorial donations may be given to the American Heart Fund.

Lynn Hart 1-5-1989

NORMAN, Okla. — Lynn Suzzette Hart, 20, died Dec. 26 from injuries suffered in a traffic accident.

She suffered massive head injuries when she was struck by a car while she was crossing a street on Dec. 20 in Norman. She was transferred to Oklahoma Memorial Hospital in Oklahoma City, where she died.

She was born Dec. 14, 1968 in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her father and stepmother, Wayne and Donna Hart of Auburn; her mother, Patricia Hart of Superior, Wis.; two brothers, Wayne Hart Jr. of Kendallville and William Hart of Auburn; paternal grandparents, Verl and Virginia Hart of Waterloo; a maternal grandmother, Mary Crowe Johnson of Logansport, Ind.; and several aunts and uncles.

Services were Dec. 31 at the New Life Bible Church in Norman.

Memorial donations may be made to Day Hospital, Cleveland County Community Mental Health Center, P.O. Box 400, Norman, OK, or Mary Kathryn Luton Hospital Hospitality House, 505 N.E. 13th St., Oklahoma City, OK 731004.

Lyman Oliver

HAMILTON — Lyman H. Oliver, 78, of Hamilton, died at 7:37 p.m. Tuesday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 9, 1910 in Fremont, the son of Henry and Blanche (Tullis) Oliver. On Feb. 1, 1933 in Mott, he married [illegible] Locke, who survives.

Mr. Oliver, a retired farmer and truck driver, was a member of Hamilton Wesleyan Church.

Surviving with his wife are four sons, Raymond Oliver of Fort Wayne, Paul Oliver of Angola, Ronald Oliver of Huber Heights, Ohio, and Kenneth Oliver of Kendallville; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Wilson Funeral Home, Hamilton, with Rev. David Leitzel officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Dorothy Barhydt

Dorothy L. Barhydt, 66, died Wednesday at 5:15 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Barhydt had been a resident of 1106 Superior Drive, Auburn.

She worked for Auburn Gear for 25 years, retiring in 1984. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, and a member of the Ladies of Moose Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 28, 1922 in Goshen, Ind. to Willard and Elizabeth (Brink) Shelton.

On Dec. 24, 1924, she married Cecil Barhydt in Goshen. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Bruce Barhydt of Auburn; and three grandchildren.

One brother, Willard Shelton Jr., preceded her in death.

Friends may call tonight from 6-9 at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Ken Walker, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association.

Tieme Moughler

WATERLOO — Tieme Lynn Moughler was stillborn Tuesday at 4:53 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She is survived by her parents, Keith and Elizabeth (Rhodehamel) Moughler of Waterloo; her brother, Jonathan, at home; her maternal grandparents, Charles and Joan Rhodehamel of Waterloo; her paternal grandparents, Ray and Onalee Moughler of Waterloo; and her great-grandmothers, Lois Rhodehamel of Portland, Ind. and Fern Moughler of Waterloo.

Private graveside services will be Friday at the Waterloo Cemetery. D.V. Dillinger, pastor of the Church of Christ, Auburn, will officiate.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Nelson Rowlison

STROH — Nelson L. "Tim" Rowlison, 62, of Main Street, Stroh died Thursday morning at his residence.

He was born Dec. 3, 1926 in Stroh, the son of Justus and Eursel May (Deal) Rowlison. His mother survives. On Dec. 31, 1945 in Angola, he married Clara L. Sanders, who also survives. Mr. Rowlison was a former Stroh town marshal.

Surviving with his wife and mother are two daughters, Mrs. Duane (Beverly) Howe of Stroh, and Mrs. Donald (Margie) Burrell of Angola; two sons, Jack L. Rowlison of Auburn, and Bill Rowlison of LaGrange; four sisters, Dorothy Mater of Kendallville, Arvilla Castner of Angola, Wanda Amburgy of Stroh, and Nelda Cummins of Rome City; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Rev. Robert Kirtlan of Stroh Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery, east of LaGrange.

Visitation is at the funeral home from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

Preferred memorials are the scholarship fund of Prairie Heights High School.

Thomas Schlotterer

GARRETT — Thomas F. Schlotterer, 55, of Garrett died Thursday at 5:05 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A resident of Garrett since [illegible] foreman at General Electric in Fort Wayne. He had been employed there 37 years.

Mr. Schlotterer was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett; the Eagles, Elks, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, all in Garrett; and the Quarter Century Club at General Electric.

He was born June 2, 1933 in Avilla to Fred and Mary (Biedrzycki) Schlotterer. His mother survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are four sisters, Barbara Overy and Virgilia Schlotterer, both of Garrett; Sally Kurtz of Fowler, Ind.; and Susan Severson of LaOtto.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will begin Sunday at 4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Gary Sigler officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett, with a military service by the VFW and American Legion of Garrett.

Memorial donations may be given to Masses at the church, the St. Joseph School, or the American Heart Association.

Donald Klinger

DELPHOS, Ohio — Donald F. Klinger, 50, died Thursday at 5:07 p.m. at the Rest & Recreation Center in Lima, Ohio. He was the husband of a former Auburn resident.

Mr. Klinger had operated Klinger's Sohio service station in Delphos and had previously been a service manager at Raabe Ford in Delphos.

He had been ill since 1979.

He was born Aug. 30, 1938 in Van Wert County to Dollie (Gipe) and David Wesley Klinger.

On July 18, 1968 he married Rena Mae Witt, who is originally from Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Lori) Stevens of Wapakoneta, Ohio; one son, Michael of Van Wert; two brothers, Larry Klinger of Van Wert, and Robert Klinger of Middle Point, Ohio; and three sisters, Marsha and Deb Klinger of Van Wert, and Shirley Trammell of Middle Point, Ohio.

One brother died in infancy.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, Van Wert. Officiating will be the Rev. Tom Strickler.

Friends may call from 2-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Ridge Cemetery of Middle Point.

John Nixon

ANGOLA — John J. Nixon, 48, died Friday at 3:56 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient for six days.

Mr. Nixon was a [illegible] Garrett for more than 20 years. He was graduated from Garrett High School in 1958, and maintained a residence there until his graduation from Indiana University in 1962. He made his home at Lake James, in rural Angola, for the past 25 years.

He was the manager of the Pine Valley Country Club from its inception until September 1987, when he left to become a computer salesman for Country Club Systems of Syracuse, N.Y.

Mr. Nixon also was a member of the Indiana Air National Guard.

He was born July 15, 1940 in Lima, Ohio to John W. and Catherine L. (Settlemire) Nixon. His mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two brothers, Tom A. Nixon of Auburn, and Kim E. Nixon of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Sunday from [illegible] at the Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Lloyd Mealer, pastor of the First Christian Church of Garrett, officiating.

Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Harold Brinkman

Harold B. Brinkman, 74, of 609 E. Third St., Auburn, died Saturday at 12:50 a.m. in Meadowbrook Health Care Center, Butler.

He had owned and operated Brinkman Office Supply in Auburn from 1959-1971. He was employed by Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Co. from 1972-1984, when he retired.

Mr. Brinkman was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. He graduated from International Business College. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the Auburn post of the American Legion.

He was born May 2, 1914 in Kalida, Ohio, to the late Henry and Louise (Eberly) Brinkman.

He married Betty Meyer on Oct. 14, 1944 in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Judy Kern of Waterloo and Lynn Mitchell of Auburn; four sons, Thomas and Lawrence Brinkman, both of Auburn; Daniel Brinkman of East Lansing, Mich.; and Dr. John B. Brinkman of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Alfred Brinkman of Ottawa, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren.

His parents, three sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be tonight at 7:30 in the funeral home.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling one hour prior to the service. Father Thomas Lallak will officiate. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services conducted by the Auburn American Legion post.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Catholic Cemetery Association or Masses at the church.

John Rimmel

KENDALLVILLE — John K. Rimmel, 74, died at 11:15 a.m. Saturday in Irene Byron Health Care Center, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since 1982.

He was born July 17, 1914 in Noble County, the son of Glenn S. and Minnie S. (Black) Rimmel. He had resided his entire life in Orange Township, Noble County, until 1982 when he moved to Irene Byron. He was a retired farmer.

Surviving are a sister, Margaret Logan of Kendallville; and two brothers, Amos Rimmel of Auburn, and Harold G. Rimmel of Modesa, Calif.

Graveside services are at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

There is no calling.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Otho Rohm

Otho L. Rohm, 90, of 1032 Steve St., Auburn, died today at 2:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie, and one daughter, Mrs. Hubert (Marcelyn Ruth) Steininger of Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Nancy Young

CHURUBUSCO — Nancy J. Young, 37, of 341 Circle Drive, Churubusco, died at 12:45 p.m. Friday from injuries received in a traffic accident near Fort Wayne, on Cook and Huguenard roads.

She was born June 6, 1951 in Niagara Falls, N.Y., the daughter of James and Blanche (Myers) Hindle Sr., who survive in Fort Wayne. On July 20, 1973 in Garrett, she married Joseph A. Young, who also survives. She was a member of Blackhawk Baptist Church and attended [illegible] Fort Wayne.

Surviving with her husband and parents are a daughter, Michelle Young, at home; two sons, Daniel and Jason Young, both at home; and four brothers, James Hindle Jr., Ronald, Larry and William Hindle, all of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Wallen Baptist Church, with Rev. John Suciu officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. today in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, and at the church one hour prior to services.

Preferred memorials are to Wallen Baptist Church.

Rebecca Kester

GARRETT — Rebecca Kester, 70, died Jan. 1 at her home, 120 E. King St., Garrett.

She was [illegible] ug. 12, 1918 in Sedan to Elza A. and Nellie M. (Casselman) Rowe.

On March 4, 1961 she married Arthur Kester in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on April 28, 1981.

Surviving are one son, Robert of Carmel, Ind.; two brothers, Elmer Rowe of Fort Wayne and Eugene Rowe of Auburn; and one sister, Mrs. Charles (Pearl) Stemen of Auburn.

Serv[illegible] Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. David Abel, pastor of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, officiated.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Otho Rohm

Otho L. Rohm, 90, died Monday at 2:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn. [illegible] St., Auburn.

He was the owner and operator of Rohm Barber on East Ninth Street. He retired from Warner Gear in 1962, after 26 years of service.

Mr. Rohm was a member of the Auburn Nazarene Church.

He was born Jan. 14, 1898 in DeKalb County to John F. and Dora I. Rohm.

On Oct. 31, 1987 he married Jessie Rohm in Auburn. She survives.

Three previous wives, Ilah Gaynell Seberts, Bessie Virginia Hollopeter, and Bessie Mae Gafkin, preceded him in death.

Also surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Hubert (Marcelyn Ruth) Steininger of Auburn; one stepson, Eston Rohm of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Betty Howe and Deanna Provines, both of Auburn; five grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and eight step great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from [illegible] p.m. at [illegible] Thursday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Auburn Nazarene Church.

Services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Auburn Nazarene Church. The Rev. Gerald Parker, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the Auburn Nazarene Church.

Russell Morr

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Russell J. Morr, 76, of Montpelier died Monday at 9:29 a.m. in Park View Nursing Center, Edgerton, Ohio.

He lived in Auburn until 1953, when he moved to Montpelier. He retired in 1975 after 40 years of employment as a iron worker with Iron Workers Local No. 147 in Fort Wayne. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He was born Nov. 8, 1912 in Auburn to the late [illegible]

He married Kathryn Huston on Oct. 4, 1947 in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Eddie R. Morr of Edon, Ohio; one daughter, Mrs. Jody (Janice) Montgomery of Montpelier; one sister, Mrs. Elzie (Dorothy) Leeks of Murray, Ky.; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. and Wednesday after 9 a.m. in Wilson-Geesy Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David P. Weber officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier, with a military graveside service.

Memorial donations may be given to Hospice Care of Williams County, Ohio.

Harold McGrew

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Harold Afton McGrew, 86, died Saturday in the Palms of Pasadena Hospital, St. Petersburg.

Mr. McGrew was born Dec. 4, 1902 near Angola to George Afton and Zora (Spangle) McGrew. Around 1914, the family moved to Auburn. In 1920, Mr. McGrew graduated from Auburn High School. He graduated from the College of Wooster, Ohio, in 1924 and lived in Wooster for more than 50 years.

In 1978, he and his wife Opal (Boren) McGrew, moved to Treasure Island, Fla. Mr. McGrew was active in the Pasadena Community Church and sang in the chancel choir.

Mrs. McGrew, his wife of more than 60 years, survives in Treasure Island.

Also surviving are one brother, Marion Melvin McGrew, Palm Beach, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Paul C. (Alice Eileen) Hawk, Downers Grove, Ill.; one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Phyllis) Walklet, Treasure Island, Fla.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A younger brother, Wayne Alvah McGrew, preceded him in death in 1988.

A memorial service will be held Saturday in the chapel of the Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg. Instead of flowers, the family suggests a contribution to the chancel choir of the church.

Eric Mynhier

PLEASANT LAKE — Eric T. Mynhier, 32, Route 1, Pleasant Lake, died at 1:10 p.m. Tuesday in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange. He had been ill several years.

Born on July 16, 1956 in Angola, he was the son of Harold and Joan (Phillips) Mynhier, who survive.

Mr. Mynhier had previously been employed at Brammell Co, Angola. He attended Salem Center Presbyterian Church and was a 1974 graduate of Prairie Heights High School.

Other survivors are a sister, Jane Dilts of Route 1, Hudson; two brothers, Jerry Mynhier of Route 1, Pleasant Lake, and Larry Mynhier of Dexter, Mich; four nieces and several aunts and uncles.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Thursday.

Patsy Smith

WATERLOO — Patsy R. Smith, 57, died Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She had been the owner and operator of Smith's Tavern in Waterloo since 1972. Before she took over the tavern she worked at the Weatherhead Corp. in Syracuse for 10 years.

Mrs. Smith resided at 1119 County Road 39, Waterloo.

She was born Sept. 12, 1931 in Warsaw to Jacob and Grave (Wineland) Pease.

She was married Aug. 31, 1969 to Edwin Smith, who preceded her in death Nov. 5, 1982. A sister, Dorothy Haines, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Cathy Creamer, Waterloo, and Sandra Poort, Milford; four brothers, Thomas Pease, Milford; John Pease, Dunlap, Ind.; William Pease, New Paris, Ind.; and Robert Pease, Connecticut; five sisters, Margaret Bell, Virginia Amsden and Maxine Rogers, all of Milford; Lucille Tusing, Nappance; and Geraldine Gooch, New Paris; one granddaughter, Cynthia Poort, and two step-grandchildren, Lance and Lyane Creamer.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will be in the funeral home Thursday at 11 a.m. with [illegible] County Line Church of God, officiating.

Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Charlotte Walker

Charlotte Louise Walker, 80, died Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor at Peru, Ind.

[illegible] at [illegible] Apartments, Auburn.

She was born April 26, 1908 in Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Willard S. and Blanche (Straight) Hull.

She married Clarence L. Walker on April 13, 1925 in Garrett. He preceded her in death Aug. 27, 1982.

Surviving are three daughters, Dorothea A. Eigh of Peru, Jean Hanes of Angola, and Patricia McCorkle of Auburn; 19 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, George, Bernard, and Clarence Walker; one sister, and one grandchild.

Friends may call Friday from 5-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Doug Anderson, pastor of the Auburn United Methodist [illegible]

Memorials donations to the American Cancer Society are preferred.

Fay Mutschler

DECATUR — Fay Mutschler, 85, died Wednesday at 5:38 a.m. in Adams County Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

She was a resident of Island Park, at Hamilton Lake, for several years and was a former resident of Decatur.

She was born June 2, 1903 in St. Mary's Township of Adams County to Elzey and Fanny (Standiford) Jackson.

She was married June 29, 1924 to Albert F. Mutschler. He preceded her in death on April 3, 1935.

Surviving are a son, Robert F. Mutschler, Decatur; three grandchildren and four great-[illegible]

She managed, with her [illegible] in Decatur. She was a member of the Zion United Church of Christ, Women of the Moose and the American Legion Post 43 Auxiliary, all of Decatur.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the Zwick, Sesston and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, officiated by the Rev. Frances F. Freeman, pastor of the Zion United Methodist Church in Decatur. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Howard Shilling

ST. JOE — Howard W. Shilling, 91, died Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at his rural St. Joe home.

He lived on the Old Shilling [illegible] It is the second oldest farm in DeKalb County still owned by the same family.

Mr. Shilling was a 1917 graduate of Spencerville High School, and was a working farmer until the time of his death. He was also a commercial photographer and a restorer of antique furniture.

He was a member of the Allen County Producers Association of Fort Wayne for 62 years, and until November 1988, he and his wife tended their stall at the South Side Market in Fort Wayne nearly every week.

Mr. Shilling was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

He was born Sept 8, 1897 in St. Joe to Adam and Malinda Shilling.

On March 31, 1918, he married Ethel M. Barrows in Hicksville, Ohio. The couple celebrated their [illegible] anniversary in 1988. She [illegible]

Also [illegible] two sons, Richard A. of South Whitley and James H. of Spencerville; four grandsons, Jerry and Mike of South Whitley, and Edward and Donald of Spencerville; and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday from noon-2 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard, and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Doug Anderson, pastor of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Clark Stahl

Clark W. Stahl, 81, a lifetime farmer in Grant Township, died at 8:45 p.m. Thursday at his home, 2857 County Road 32, Auburn.

Mr. Stahl was born May 26, 1907 in DeKalb County to John [illegible] on Aug. 4, 1935 in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, James of Kendallville, John of Waterloo, and Thomas of Corunna; one daughter, Shirley Anweiler of Zionsville, Ind.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Ralph Stahl, and four sisters; Winnie Carper, Faye Ellis, Mabel Schiek, and Audra Myers.

Mr. Stahl worked from 1955 until 1974 for the DeKalb County Highway Department. He was a member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and the Maple Grove United Methodist Church. For 15 years, he was a member of the DeKalb County Mounted Posse.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Maple Grove United Methodist Church. The Rev. Dewey Findley, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Friends may call from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday in the Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo, or at the church one hour prior to Sunday's service.

Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

Mary Grimm

WATERLOO — Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Grimm, 82, died Friday at 4:10 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Grimm was vice president and secretary of DeKalb Distributing Co. in Auburn for 10 years. She retired in 1983.

She was a member of Auburn's Eastern Star lodge for 50 years, attaining the office of Star Point of Esther. She also belonged to Greenhurst Country Club and the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild.

She was born Aug. 14, 1906 in Kane, Pa., to George W. and Jessie (Frank) Warner.

On Nov. 7, 1923, she married H.N. "Nick" Grimm in Detroit. He was a former DeKalb County sheriff. He preceded her in death on July 5, 1973.

Surviving are two sons, David W. Grimm of Novi, Mich. and John N. Grimm of Waterloo; one daughter, Joann Foster of Englewood, Colo.; one half brother, Blair Fuller of Cottonwood, Ariz; 10 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from [illegible] p.m. [illegible] memorial service will be Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Conard Wolf, pastor of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, will officiate.

Memorial donations may be sent to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild.

Thelma Emrick

TUPELO, Miss. — Thelma Edna Emrick, 67, died Friday at 3 a.m. at the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, following a brief illness.

A homemaker, Mrs. Emrick also worked for 10 years at Electric Motors & Specialties in Garrett. She lived in Tupelo for the last 18 years.

She was born Oct. 31, 1921 in Kendallville to Albert and Dora (Kern) Ewell.

On June 27, 1938, she married Toelliner D. Emrick in LaGrange. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, [illegible] Cooley, Ligonier, and Ms. Marilyn Krieg, of Auburn; two sons, David of Ennis, Texas and Douglas of Kendallville; a sister, Nola Sharar, of Lantana, Fla.; a brother, Warren Ewell, of LeCanto, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

One grandson, Mark Krieg, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Emrick was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Tupelo.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendallville will officiate.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family prefers memorial gifts to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church building fund.

Scott Bushey

FORT WAYNE — Scott Edward Bushey, 24, died at 9:46 p.m. Wednesday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne, from gunshot wounds.

He was born in Orange, Calif. and had lived most of his life in Fort Wayne. He was a 1982 graduate of Savannah High School, Anaheim, Calif., and was employed by Contract Interiors.

Surviving are his father, Jerry Bushey of Ashley; his mother, Vera Bushey of Anaheim; his fiance, Sharon Daniels of Fort Wayne; a sister, Susan Peters of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Stacey Bushey of Fort Wayne, and Lonnie Bushey of Anaheim; and grandparents Jerry and Nora Bushey of Arizona City, Ariz.

Prayer services were held at 10:15 a.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Mapelwood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and at 11 a.m. in Cathedral of the Imamculate Conception Church, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Catholic Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Scott Bushey Memorial Fund.

Richard Taylor

ANGOLA — Richard D. Taylor, 49, Holiday Woods, Angola, died Saturday at 9:14 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

A former resident of Waterloo, he was born in DeLand, Ill. on Sept. 23, 1939, to David and Mildred (Vance) Taylor. His mother survives in Goshen.

[illegible] 1973 to Norene Smith, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Barry, of Angola, and Rob, of Suracuse; two daughters, Teresa, Columbia City, and Patricia, Bronson, Mich.; five brothers, Don, Robert, William, Harold, and Thomas, all of Goshen; three sisters, Sue Burgess, North Manchester; Judy Cubberness, Elkhart; and Joan Cliffton, DeLand, Ill; and two granddaughters

He was a truck driver and belonged to the Teamsters Union.

Funeral services were today in the Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with the Rev. James Caister, pastor of DeKalb Memorial Hospital, officiating.

Burial was in the Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Steuben County Hospice Program.

Kenneth Berry

Kenneth Berry, 78, died Sunday at 9 a.m. in Fort Wayne's Lutheran Hospital.

He resided at 3711 County [illegible] Co., Kendallville, where he worked for 20 years.

He was born in Union Township, DeKalb County on May 6, 1910 to Clarence and Pluma (Stafford) Berry.

He was a member of the Meese Chapel United Methodist Church and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

He is survived by two brothers, Russell and Ralph Berry, both of Auburn; four sisters, Lotus Bartels, Ruth Baughman and Rose Marie Newcomer, all of Auburn, and Helen Varner, Tekonsha, Mich.

Friends may call today from 6-9 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be in the funeral home Tuesday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Eugene Woolever, pastor of Meese Chapel, officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Meese Chapel or the American Cancer Society.

Rollover kills teen

BUTLER — An 18-year-old Butler man was killed when the pickup truck in which he was riding left State Road 1 and rolled over in a field.

The accident happened three miles south of Butler about 11:20 p.m. Saturday.

Mitchell Hullinger died of neck and head injuries, said DeKalb County Police.

Hullinger was a passenger in a 1969 Chevrolet pickup truck, driven by Joseph M. Delagrange, 18, of St. Joe. Delagrange suffered a possible separated shoulder.

Two other passengers were also injured. Matthew S. Redinger, 18, St. Joe, complained of chest pain; Leigh Ann Frakes, 16, of Butler, sustained bruises to her knee and hand, said police.

Delagrange was northbound on SR 1 when he lost control on the icy roadway, according to police. The truck went off the east side of the road, struck a tree and fence, then continued into the field.

A rescue worker said the truck rolled over and came to rest on its wheels. Hullinger was thrown from the vehicle and was pinned underneath the rear axle, according to the worker.

An obituary for Mr. Hullinger appears on Page A8.

Mitchell Hullinger

BUTLER — Mitchell V. Hullinger, 18, of Butler died Saturday at 11:30 p.m. in a traffic accident near Butler.

He was an employee of Pent Co. in Butler, and a member of the Butler United Methodist Church.

He was born Oct. 27, 1970 in Willard, Ohio. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Cheryl (Baldwin) and Richard Cordes of Angola; and his father and stepmother, Gene and Nancy Hullinger of Weatherford, Texas.

Also surviving are two brothers, Michael Hullinger of Butler and John Cordes of Garrett; and six sisters, Mrs. James (Melissa) Stark of Fort Wayne; Mrs. Dave (Anna) Martin of Findlay, Ohio; Amy Jo Cordes of Garrett; Michelle Thomas of Baton Rouge, La.; Mary Thomas of Weatherford, Texas; and Melissa Thomas of Auburn.

Also surviving are two maternal grandmothers, Mable Baldwin of Butler and Evelyn Cordes of Fort Wayne, and his paternal grandparents, Vernon and Annabell Hullinger of Decatur.

Friends may call Tuesday after 2 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations to Butler Youth League baseball or football teams are preferred by the family.

L. Russell Howe

HUDSON — L. Russell "Bud" Howe, 70, of Route 1, Hudson, died at 9 a.m. Saturday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Hudson Nov. 21, 1918, the son of Willard L. and Byrdena (Wehrly) Howe. On Aug. 30, 1941 in Avilla, he married Rosellen Mary Fischer, who survives.

Mr. Howe, a lifetime Hudson resident, was a farmer and school [illegible] School Corporation for 48 years. He was a charter member of the Stroh Lions Club, a 31-year member of Stroh Volunteer Fire Department and EMS and former certified EMT. He was a member of the LaGrange County Hospital board, A.S.C.S., LaGrange County REMC board of directors, past president of LaGrange County 4-H Fair Association and its board of directors for 41 years, a past board member of St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church, Big Long Lake, of which he is a member, and Milford Township Advisory Board.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Mrs. Floyd (Mary Ellen) Johnson of Garrett, Mrs. Paul (Marlene) Carper of Ashley, Martha Howe of Ligonier, and Mrs. Randy (Debra) Simon of Husdon; four sons, Duane Howe of Stroh, Donald Howe of Wolcottville, Michael and Mark Howe, both at home; a sister, Florence Notestine of Route 2, LaGrange; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church, Big Long Lake, with Rev. Conrad Shweibold officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4-9 p.m. today at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are masses to St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church, Stroh Volunteer Fire Department and EMS, and LaGrange County 4-H Fair Association.

Alice Myers

KENDALLVILLE — Alice E. Myers, 62, of Sherman Street, Kendallville, died Saturday at 5:13 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been ill four years and seriously ill the past three months.

She was born Jan. 30, 1926 in Avilla, the daughter of Frank and Elizabeth (Warner) Clark. On July 7, 1943 in Bryan, Ohio, she married Calvin Aldon Myers, who survives.

Mrs. Myers, a lifetime area resident, was office manager at Lane Foundry for 27 years until it closed in 1987. She was a member of American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 86.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Mrs. Stephen (Sherry) Huffman of Kendallville; a son, Jerry Myers of Howe; a sister, Violet Shinn of Rome City; six brothers, Gilbert Geiger of Seattle, Wash., Dale Geiger of St. Petersburg, Fla., Donald Warner of Lakeland, Fla., Frank Clark of Sarasota, Fla., Jim Clark of Huntertown, and Earl Clark of Garrett; four grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

Two brothers, Jack and Dick Clark, preceded her in death.

Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Anthony Steinbronn of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Kenneth Berry

Kenneth Berry, 78, died Sunday at 9 a.m. in Fort Wayne's Lutheran Hospital.

He resided at 5711 County Road 46 A, Auburn. He retired in 1973 from McCray Refrigerator Co., Kendallville, where he worked for 20 years.

He was born in Union Township, DeKalb County on May 6, 1910 to Clarence and Pluma (Stafford) Berry.

He was a member of the Meese Chapel United Methodist Church and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

He is survived by two brothers, Russell and Ralph Berry, both of Auburn; four sisters, Lotus Bartels, Ruth Baughman and Rose Marie Newcomer, all of Auburn, and Helen Varner, Tekonsha, Mich.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Gladys Hanes, and a brother, Eugene Berry.

Services were Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Eugene Woolever, pastor of Meese Chapel, officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the Meese Chapel or the American Cancer Society.

Henry Rigsby

WAWAKA — Henry J. Rigsby, 82, of Wawaka, died at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Heritage Manor Health Care Center, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Morehead, Ky., April 19, 1906, [illegible] and Martha (McDaniel) Rigsby. [illegible] married Clella A. Payton, who survives.

Mr. Rigsby had moved from Kentucky to the Wawaka area 50 years ago. He had been a Kraft Inc. employee, retiring in 1972.

Surviving with his wife are seven daughters, Martha Longardner of Churubusco, Silvia Martin of LaGrange, Josephine Johnson of LaGrange, Barbara Smith of Stuart, Fla., Birdeen Wiles of Hemet, Calif., Mae Belvin of Kissimmee, Fla., and Janet Miller of Fort Wayne; six sons, Vic Rigsby of Cromwell, Ray Rigsby of Elkhart, Jim Rigsby of Lakeland, Fla., Micheal Rigsby of Fort Wayne, Kenneth Rigsby of Auburn, and Ted Rigsby of Phoenix, Ariz.; 48 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Six brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church with Rev. Don Johnson of Sturgis Church of God, Sturgis, Mich., officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-9 Friday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Iva Lockwood

WATERLOO — Iva P. Lockwood, 82, of 240 N. Washington St., Waterloo, died today at 7 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was co-owner of the Waterloo Hardware with her husband for 29 years. The couple retired in 1975.

She was a 50-year member of the Waterloo Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born March 21, 1906 in Waterloo to the late Henry and Maude (Luce) Mergy.

She married Arthur Lockwood on March 20, 1926 in Pleasant Lake. He preceded her in death July 8, 1984.

Surviving are two daughters, Alice Pfefferkorn and Nancy Rowe, both of Waterloo; one stepdaughter, Bessie King of Houma, La.; one brother, Eston "Pie" Mergy of Auburn; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

One brother, Paul Mergy, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Eastern Star will hold a memorial service Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Abel of the Waterloo United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Virginia Carskadon

FORT WAYNE — Virginia D. Carskadon, 73, died Thursday afternoon at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne. She had lived in Fort Wayne 28 years and was retired as a librarian for the Allen County Courthouse.

Her husband, Isaac Parker, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Dale Ann Davis of East Lansing, Mich.; a son, John Parker of LaOlto; a sister, Ernestine Parish of Auburn; and a granddaughter.

Memorial services are at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun.

No calling.

Preferred memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

Irene Hall

WATERLOO — Irene I. Hall, 82, died Thursday at 6:15 a.m. in Retz Nursing Home, Auburn.

A homemaker, she had formerly [illegible] in Waterloo.

She was born May 20, 1906 in Pleasant Lake to the late Jacob and Jane (Kirk) Vaile.

She married Eddy Hall on June 4, 1924 in Hillsdale, Mich. He preceded her in death Dec. 28, 1977.

Surviving are three sons, Charles Hall of Auburn, Jim Hall of Madera, La., and Chuck Hall of Gainesville, Fla.; three daughters, Mary Jane Bridewell of Washington state, Sue Reinhart of Hamilton, and Jewel Rodecap of Hood River, Ore.; three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Abel of the Waterloo United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorial donations may be given to the Riley Children's Home, Indianapolis.

Elmar Petersen

ANGOLA — Elmar R. "Pete" Petersen, 63, died Thursday morning in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola. He was manager for Fisher Automatic Service and was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara; his mother, Delphina Petersen of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Sue Tiller of Ashley; four sons, Dane Petersen of Red Wing, Minn., Jon Petersen of Kiafan, Kuwait, Keith Petersen of Ashley and Kent Jason Petersen of Angola; two sisters, Phyllis Kelly and Carol Thompson, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert Petersen of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren.

Services at 1 p.m. Monday in Calvary Lutheran Church, with calling 5-9 p.m. Sunday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Preferred memorials are to the Lutheran Childrens Home in Indianapolis or Well-Child Clinic of Steuben County.

Fannie Knapp

GARRETT — Fannie Mae Knapp, 57, died Friday at 10:05 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, and the Women of the Moose in Auburn. She was also past president of the Alpha Rho chapter of Phi Iota Xi Sorority.

She was born July 11, 1931 in Garrett to Russell and Cletus (McKinley) Rowe. They preceded her in death.

On April 7, 1950 she married Norman Knapp in Elwood, Ind. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry of Garrett and Terry of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two brothers, Russell Rowe and Joe Rowe, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Sue Ann Myers of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren: and four step-grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Garrett Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Tara Hornbacker, pastor of the church, and the Rev. James Caister of the Auburn Alliance Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

John Garman

HUDSON — John A. Garman, 66, of Route 2, Hudson, died at 8:05 p.m. Saturday in VA Medical Center, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient one week. He had been ill five years.

He was born in Cedarville March 8, 1922, the son of Albert and Nellie (Clark) Garman. His mother survives in Fort Wayne. In Hudson on Dec. 23, 1978, he married Phyllis Bolenbaugh, who also survives.

Mr. Garman had lived at Route 2, Hudson the past 13 years, moving from Hicksville, Ohio. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was retired from Rea Magnet Wire Company, Fort Wayne, after 25 years and from Sheller-Globe Corporation, Grabill. He was a member of American Legion Post 202 and Butler Eagles Aerie No. 2556 in Hicksville.

Surviving with his wife and mother are two daughters, Rosemary Garman of Fort Wayne, and Betty Lou Miller of Butler; three sons, George A. Garman of Hicksville, Kenneth E. and Randy L. Garman, both of Spencerville; a stepdaughter, Karen Sue Jardine of Columbus, Ohio; a stepson, Ronald Murray of Fort Wayne; five sisters, Phyllis Fowler of Polk, Ohio, Maxine Taylor of Coldwater, Mich., Janet Greer of Waterloo, Mary Timma and Ruth Schoof, both of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Robert Garman of Fort Wayne, Ralph Garman of Indiana, Frank Garman of Harlan and Louis Garman of Corunna; nine grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

A son, Steven, a brother, Lloyd, and a sister, Janice, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson, with Rev. Lloyd Turnbull of West Milford Church of Christ, Hicksville, officiating. Military graveside services by American Legion Post of Butler, will be [illegible] in Hillside Cemetery, [illegible] Ohio.

Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. today and 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, where an Eagle service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Chester Kelly

MUNCIE — Chester E. Kelly, 81, of 401 E. Jackson St., Selma, Ind., died Saturday morning in Fountainview Place, Muncie, after an extended illness.

He was the father of Mrs. Allen (MaryEtta) Zartman of Garrett.

He retired in 1972 as an employee of Indiana Steel & Wire in Muncie. He was a charter member of the M. Bar D. Club, and the Democratic Club. He served on the Liberty Township Advisory Board and was active in the Democratic Party.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Garnet Licht Kelly; two other daughters, Mrs. Larry (Sharon Lee) Long of Muncie and Mrs. Lyle (LeAnna Jean) Hood of Rochester, Ind.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son and a granddaughter.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Meeks Mortuary Chapel, Muncie, with the Rev. Dennis Rush officiating.

Friends may call at the funeral home today after 1 p.m. and prior to the service. Burial will be in Crown Point Cemetery, Kokomo, Ind.

Eleanor Carper

Eleanor M. "Jo" Carper, 63, of Auburn died Friday at 9:50 p.m. in her residence.

She was a homemaker and a member of Home [illegible] 1945.

She was born May 20, 1925 in Chicago, Ill., to the late Joseph and Caroline (Mohr) Pfeffer.

She married Joseph E. Carper on Nov. 1, 1944. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Arlene M. Knott of LaOtto; one sister, Angela St. Clair of Dallas, Texas; three grandchildren, Timothy, Rob, and Heidi Knott; and one great-granddaughter.

Two sisters, Anne Fleming and Patricia Daub, preceded her in death.

Services were today at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be directed to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Ada Farrington

Ada E. Farrington, 94, died Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett.

Mrs. Farrington previously lived at 230 W. Eleventh St., Auburn.

She was born June 16, 1894 in Richland Township of DeKalb County. On May 10, 1919, also in Richland Township, she married Earl J. Farrington. He preceded her in death on Jan. 21, 1970, exactly 19 years before her own death.

Surviving are one daughter, Lois Albright of Corunna; two sons, Charles E. Farrington, Auburn, and Thomas E. Farrington, Granite City, Ill.; two sisters, Elsie Dawson, Auburn, and Viola Dosch, Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Joan Beadell, five brothers and five sisters preceded her in death.

A former schoolteacher, Mrs. Farrington was a graduate of Tri-State College. She was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church, the DeKalb County Chorus, and the Richland Township Home Demonstration Club. She was a former president of the DeKalb County Home Demonstration Club. For many years she was the Republican precinct committeeman for Richland Township.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dewey Findley will officiate.

Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church or to the Earl and Ada Memorial Park of Corunna.

Ronald Milleman

HUNTERTOWN — Ronald L. Milleman, 58, died at 6:23 a.m. Sunday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born July 13, 1930 in Steuben County, the son of Lawrence and Bernice (Hovartez) Milleman. His mother, Bernice Heller, [illegible] 1930 in Avilla, he married Pauline Weimer, who also survives.

Mr. Milleman had lived in Huntertown since 1957, and was an electrical technician for ITT in Fort Wayne.

Surviving with his wife and mother are four daughters, Rhonda Hursh and Susan Papaik, both of Huntertown, Carol Richardson of Fort Wayne, and Kris Milleman, at home; a son, Dr. Jeff Milleman of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Our Hope Lutheran Church, Huntertown, with Rev. Edgar Walz officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Our Hope Lutheran Church or Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department.

Winona Kaiser

EDGERTON, Ohio — Winona L. Kaiser, 75, died Sunday afternoon in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler. She was a former Edgerton resident.

She was retired from her work as a licensed practical nurse for Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, Ohio, and was a member of the Edgerton Church of Christ.

She was born March 26, 1913 in Butler to the late Charles and Goldie (Barve) Riser.

She married Ermin K. Kaiser on Sept. 18, 1930 in LaGrange. He preceded her in death in October 1959.

Surviving are four sons, Paul and Tony, both of Butler, and George and Peter, both of Edgerton; two daughters, Mrs. James (Cathy) Stark of Edgerton, and Rachel Hendrickson of Hamilton; one sister, Virginia Seltenright of Gulliver, Mich.; one brother, Ermin Riser of Marshall, Mich.; 28 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Keith and Gary, one grandson, and one great-grandson.

Friends may call Tuesday after 2 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Edgerton Church of Christ with Pastor Steve Wilmot officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorial donations to the church are preferred.

Lilda Waters

FORT WAYNE — Lilda Jackie Waters, 69, died Friday at 2 p.m. in Byron Health Care Center, Fort Wayne.

She was the mother of Steve C. Waters of Auburn.

Mrs. Waters retired in 1975 from her work as a self-employed hairdresser.

She was born May 20, 1919 in Fort Wayne to Harold and Clara (Adams) Wilson. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, Harold C. Waters, survives. Also surviving with the husband and son are one daughter, Jacqueline Nicholls Bowie of Maryland; several brothers and sisters, and three grandchildren.

Services were today at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. The Rev. Don Kleinschmidt officiated.

Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association are preferred.

Ella Wilson

HUDSON — Ella A. Wilson, 75, of Route 1, Box 347, Hudson, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday at her residence following a long illness. She was the wife of Donald E. [illegible]

Funeral arrangements are pending at Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson. Call 587-3733 for arrangement information.

Ola Schmidt

Ola Schmidt, 81, died Wednesday at 8:39 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Schmidt was a resident of [illegible] in Auburn. She was a homemaker and a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn.

She was born March 12, 1907 in Cecil, Ohio to Lewis and Clara (Horn) Lucas.

On Sept. 6, 1937 she married Lewis Schmidt in Edgerton, Ohio. He preceded her in death on July 10, 1971.

One brother and one sister also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Schmidt of Butler and Daniel Schmidt of Auburn; two daughters, Luella Kline of Butler and Barbara Schmidt of Auburn; one sister, Dorothy Campton of Phoenix, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 1800 E. Seventh St., Auburn. A rosary service will be tonight at 7:30 in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church. Father Tom Lallak will officiate. Friends may call in the church's hospitality room from 8:30 a.m. until the service begins.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association or the Immaculate Conception Church.

Bertold Sahli

GARRETT — Bertold A. Sahli, 86, died at 3:50 p.m. Tuesday in Miller's Merry Manor here. He lived in Auburn from 1970 to 1979 and was a barber for 52 years, last working at the Subway [illegible]

He was born June 12, 1902 in Wyatt, the son of Fred and Rosina (Berger) Sahli. He was married to Edith L. Griffith, who survives and is a resident at Miller's Merry Manor.

Mr. Sahli was a 50 year member of the Pleasant Lake Masonic Lodge and attended Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one granddaughter, Linda VanAuken Lakewind of Fort Wayne; three grandsons, Robert VanAuken of Virginia Beach, Va., Mack "Bud" VanAuken of Corunna, and Billy VanAuken of Auburn; and nine great-grandchildren.

One son, H. Mack VanAuken, preceded him in death in 1967.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Rev. Reginald Alford officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Masonic service will be Friday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Ella Wilson

HUDSON — Ella A. Wilson, 75, of Route 1, Hudson, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday at her residence following a long illness.

She was born March 2, 1913 in Carlton, Mich., the daughter of William and Mary (Vandervort) Michling. Her mother, Mary Cobb, survives in Fort Wayne. On June 14, 1930 in Newport, Ky., she married Donald F. Wilson, who also survives.

Mrs. Wilson moved to Route 1, Hudson in 1971 from Fort Wayne. She was a former employee of International Harvester in Fort Wayne, and attended the Church of God.

Surviving with her husband and mother are a daughter, Donnajean Jeffrey of Fort Wayne; three sons, Norman J. Wilson of Tampa, Fla., Donald W. Wilson of Indianapolis, and Arthur A. Wilson of rural Hudson; two sisters, Mary Miller of Whittenburg, Ariz., and Louise Germain of Fort Wayne; a brother, William Chamberlin of Flat Rock, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday in Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson, with Rev. Phil Crabaugh of Stroh Church of God officiating. Burial [illegible] Hudson.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

Richard Harding

MUNCIE — Richard E. Harding, 54, of 1309 Royal Drive, Muncie, died late Tuesday evening in Ball Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

He was born in Garrett and attended [illegible] and Garrett, graduating from Garrett High School. He was also a graduate of International Business College, Fort Wayne, and had been employed several years at Cutting Corporation in Hartford City and Mitchell Maintenance, Lift-A-Loft Corporation, and Pepsi Cola Bottlers Inc., all in Muncie. He was a member of Center Chapel United Methodist Church and Ball State University Sympathy Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Patricia Miller; his mother, Greta Harding of Garrett; a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Kathy) Goodwin of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a son, Brent Harding of Muncie; a sister, June Ennis of Kendallville; a brother, William Harding of Wichita, Kan.; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Meeks Mortuary Chapel, Muncie, with Rev. Ray E. Probasco Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Muncie.

Calling is from 3-6 and 7-9 p.m. today and prior to the service Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Center Chapel United Methodist Church, 900 W. Royerton Road, Muncie 47303.

Ola Schmidt

Ola Schmidt, 81, died Wednesday at 8:39 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Schmidt was a resident of Lakeview Park Apartments in Auburn. She was a homemaker and a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn.

She was born March 12, 1907 in Cecil, Ohio to Lewis and Clara (Horn) Lucas.

On Sept. 6, 1937 she married Lewis Schmidt in Edgerton, Ohio. He preceded her in death on July 10, 1971.

One brother and one sister also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Schmidt of Butler and Daniel Schmidt of Auburn; two daughters, Luella Kline of Butler and Barbara Schmidt of Auburn; one sister, Dorothy Camtton of Phoenix, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-9 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 1800 W. Seventh St., Auburn. A rosary service will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church. Father Tom Lallak will officiate.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association or the Immaculate Conception Church.

Michael Lemper

Michael L. Lemper, 39, died Wednesday in Indianapolis.

He was born Dec. 31, 1949 in Auburn to Wilbur and Pearl (Northouse) Lemper. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are three brothers, Richard L. of Hicksville, Ohio, Jerry W. of Dana Point, Calif., and Jim H. of Peru, Ind.; two sisters, Mary L. Fender of Auburn and Judy A. Gutzwiller of Titusville, Fla.

There are no calling hours. Graveside services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery, officiated by Father F. Thomas Lallak of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Glenn Thompson

BUTLER — Glenn E. Thompson, 76, died Friday at 9:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

[illegible] of 415 N. Ash St., Butler. He was a World War II veteran and was retired from Universal Tool and Stamping Co.

He was born April 11, 1912 in Spokane, Ohio to Robert and Edith (Spitler) Thompson.

His first wife, Ruth, preceded him in death.

On April 22, 1961, he married Katherine Lower in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Nelson Lower of Stroh, Ind. and Max Lower of Edon, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 7-9 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Butler Nazarene Church. The Rev. Theron Hanes, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Florence VanLear

GARRETT — Florence M. VanLear, 86, died Monday at 6:45 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a longtime Garrett resident since 1918, and had worked several years at Machlik Newsstand in Garrett. She retired in 1964.

She was also a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

She was born Feb. 20 1902 in Joliet, Ill. to Robert and Emma (Sampson) Phillips.

On July 4, 1918 she married Harry E. VanLear in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on July 11, 1958. One brother, James Martin, and one grandson also preceded her in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Marcella Zerns-Clabaugh of Garrett and Patricia Turnbull of Hicksville, Ohio; one son, Robert, of Crooked Lake; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Friends may call Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 3-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Lloyd Mealer, pastor of the First Church of Christ, will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be given to the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Russell Hostetler

TAMARAC, Fla. — Russell John Hostetler, 38, of Tamarac, Fla., and formerly of South Bend, died at 5:05 a.m. Tuesday in Broward Medical Center, Tamarac.

Surviving are his mother, Charlotte Hostetler of Auburn; a daughter, Rebecca Sue Hostetler of Kendallville; and a sister, Sharon Mettert of Auburn.

Memorial services were held today in Oak Grove Missionary Church, Nappanee.

Arrangemets were by Bubb Funeral Chapel, Mishawaka.

Farah Leaf

ASHLEY — Farah K. Leaf, 80, of Ashley-Hudson Manor, died at 2:13 a.m. today in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was born in Indiana May 24, 1908, the daughter of Frank and Ella Wilson. On June 10, 1929 she married Clifton Leaf, who preceded her in death May 30, 1978.

Mrs. Leaf had lived most of her life in Stroh, then resided with her daughter in Corunna before moving to Ashley-Hudson Manor in 1983. She had worked for several restaurants in the area and was a homemaker. She attended Helmer Nazarene Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Esther Pairan of Corunna, Hilda Watts of Metamora, Mich., and Dorothy Frick of Mongo; a sister, Anna Lee Ferguson of Lapeer, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

A son, DuWayne, preceded her in death in 1982.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson, with burial in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation is from 3:30-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Emma Marie Limpert

GARRETT — Emma Marie Limpert, 86, died Sunday at 2:10 p.m. at her home in Garrett.

She was a longtime resident and also operated her husband in the former [illegible]

She had resided in Garrett since 1945. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the Philathea Class, where she held many offices. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women and the Love Circle. She was past president of the Athena Club.

She was born May 7, 1902 in Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Christian and Sophia Lydia (Klutz) Fox.

She married Archie Limpert on April 16, 1925 in Hicksville, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Max of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Janet VanDeusen of Garrett; one sister, Elsie Scott of Tavares, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Arthur, Karl, and William, and five sisters, Clara Green, Anna Warner, Lillian Martin, Bertha Stolz, and Dorothy Waltenburger.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. N. Dale Mendenhall officiating. Burial will be in Hicksville Union Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

Hilda Kjendalen

ASHLEY — Hilda M. Kjendalen, 78, died today at 5:15 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born Jan. 19, 1911 in Appleton, Wis., the daughter of Herman and Helen Harm. On May 10, 1946 in Appleton, she married Palmer Kjendalen, who survives.

Mrs. Kjendalen moved to Ashley from Appleton in 1965 and was a retired secretary for Aid Association for Lutherans of Wisconsin.

Surviving with her husband are two sons, James Kjendalen of Route 1, Hudson, and Ronald Kjendalen of Scandiva, Wis.; and two grandchildren.

A sister preceded her in death.

Private family services and burial will be in Appleton. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Ashley-Hudson Manor.

There is no visitation.

Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Meek Sr.

ST. JOE — Richard D. Meek Sr., 55, of rural St. Joe, died Monday at 1:23 p.m. in Parkview [illegible]

Mr. Meek was employed by DeKalb Eastern Community School District for 18 years. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of the Butler post of the American Legion, the Hicksville post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Spencerville Masonic Lodge, the Spencerville Eastern Star, the Spencerville United Methodist Church, the Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne, and the Shriners of Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 1, 1933 in St. Joe to the late Kenneth and Lola (Baker) Meek.

He married Joan Calvin on May 27, 1956 in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Richard Meek Jr. of Spencerville; three daughters, Ricki Jo DeVaux of Dallas, Texas; Robin Carnahan of Butler, and Lisa Butler of Spencerville; one sister, Mrs. Lester (Lenare) Yoder of St. Joe; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepfather, Howard Jolly.

Friends may call in the Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, after 7 tonight and after 9 a.m. Wednesday. A masonic service will be held tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

Services will be Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Leonard Shaffer officiating. Burial will be in the Scipio Cemetery, Allen County, Ind.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Heart Association.

Sarah Leas

ASHLEY — Sarah K. Leas, 80, of Ashley-Hudson Manor, died at 2:13 a.m. Monday in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She [illegible] 1908, the daughter of [illegible] and Ella Wilson. On June 10, 1929 she married Clifton Leas, who preceded her in death May 30, 1978.

Mrs. Leas had lived most of her life in Stroh, then resided with her daughter in Corunna before moving to Ashley-Hudson Manor in 1983. She had worked for several restaurants in the area and was a homemaker. She attended Helmer Nazarene Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Esther Pairan of Corunna, Hilda Watts of Metamora, Mich., and Dorothy Frick of Mongo; a sister, Anna Lee Ferguson of Lapeer, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

A son, DuWayne, preceded her in death in 1982.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson, with burial in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation is from 3:30-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Ralph Ober

LAOTTO — Ralph T. Ober, 79, a rural LaOtto farmer, died Tuesday at 6:15 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Ober had worked as a welder at Fruehauf in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1973. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles lodge.

He was born June 9, 1909 in DeKalb County to Perry and Clare (Rhoades) Ober. On Aug. 23, 1952, he was married in Angola to Ruby Hannafiuf. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Ralph, of Heartland, Mich.; two stepsons, William LaCross of LaOtto, and Robert LaCross of Utica, Mich.; one foster son, Clifford Weikel of Garrett; one stepdaughter, Barbara Veltre of Hazel Park, Mich.; one sister, Goldie Gibsons of Brookings, Ore.; three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Michael Smith, of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, will officiate. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

Memorial donations may be sent to the LaOtto Fire Department or the American Cancer Society.

O. Dwight Cox

O. Dwight Cox, 89, died Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Before moving to Miller's, he was a resident of 215 N. Cleveland St., Auburn.

Mr. Cox was an accountant with Warner Gear (now Auburn Gear) in Muncie and Auburn for 42 years. He retired in 1965, but was a company consultant until 1967. He was a 1922 graduate of Muncie Business College.

He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

He was born Jan. 15, 1900 in Muncie to William Hillis and Fanny (Johnson) Cox.

On May 29, 1924, he married Mary D. Gaylord in Muncie. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Jean Gronendyke, Mrs. James (Fannie) Pepple, and Nancy Sims, all of Auburn, and Jeannette Riddle of Camarillo, Texas; one brother, Newton Cox of Muncie; one sister, Jenny Weaver of Indianapolis; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Private graveside services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Hoyt Byrum, pastor of the church, will officiate at both services.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Martha Clement

FORT WAYNE — Martha Clement, 64, died Sunday morning at home. The Kendallville native had lived in Fort Wayne 18 years and was retired manager of Spiegel Stores.

Surviving are two daughters, Rebecca Clement of Fort Wayne, and Emily K. Mason of Auburn; five sisters, Hazel Robeson, Elizabeth Zawadzke and Barbara Mayne, all of Kendallville; Marilyn Hoffhein of Dayton, Ohio, and Janice Ringler of Auburn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4317 Maplecrest Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

J.D. Coyle

J.D. Coyle, 76, of Auburn died today at 12:01 a.m. in his home.

Mr. Coyle was a lifetime resi-

1978 after 25 years as an engineer for Rieke Corp. He attended Tri-State College in Angola.

He was born Jan. 6, 1913 in Auburn to Arrus and Sadie

He married Mary L. Myers on Dec. 27, 1942 in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Deborah Coyle of Auburn; and a

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Doug Anderson, pastor of Auburn First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Earl Gaff

Earl R. Gaff, 74, of rural [illegible]

He retired from Newnam Foundry, Kendallville, in 1977. He served in the Army in World War II, and was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion.

He was born May 29, 1914 in Noble County to the late Oliver and Jessie (Hunt) Gaff.

He married Dorothy I. Goodrich on June 20, 1960 in LaGrange. She preceded him in death Sept. 13, 1987.

Surviving are one stepdaughter, Darlene G. Gerue of West Bloomfield, Mich.; one stepson, Eugene A. Swift of Genoa, Ohio; one brother, Carlos Gaff of Hamilton; and one sister, Dessie Dobbins of Kendallville.

Friends may call today from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David A. Leitzl, pastor of the Hamilton Wesleyan Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the DeKalb County Alzheimer's Support Group.

Mary Hartman

Mary A. Hartman, 86, died Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in her home at 215 W. Third St., Auburn.

A homemaker, she also was a lifetime member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley.

She was born Jan. 30, 1903 in Fairfield Township to the late Sam and Elizabeth (Smith) Freed.

She married Russell W. Hartman on March 29, 1927 in Auburn. He survives.

[illegible] Eugene K. Hartman and Robert G. Hartman, both of Hudson; four brothers, Clarence Freed of Auburn, Howard Freed of Kendallville, Elmer Freed of Waterloo, and Robert Freed of Garrett; three sisters, Esther Leins of Waterloo, Pearl Manon of Auburn, and Dalia Schmuck of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Don Freed, and one sister, Ava Krum, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, with the Rev. Jess Schload officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

Neva Barber

ESCONDIDO, Calif. — Neva R. Barber, 90, of Escondido, died Dec. 30 in her home. She was a former Ashley resident, and a former member of the St. John's Church of Christ, Ashley.

She was born Feb. 23, 1898 in Indiana to the late Albert and Mary (Stomm) Goodrich. She married Franklin Barber in 1920, and had worked as a bookkeeper for 10 years.

She is survived by a niece, Rosebelle Barber of Des Plaines, Ill.; and two nephews, Gene Goodrich of Agoura, Calif., and William Anderson of Gibson City, Ill.

Memorial services were Jan. 3 in the Valley Parkway Mobile Home Park in Escondido. Interment was in El Camino Memorial Park in San Diego. Eternal Hills Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Man killed while crossing road

GARRETT — A rural DeKalb County man was killed in a car-pedestrian accident near his home Wednesday afternoon.

Earl R. Gaff, 77, of 4894 County Road 19, died after being struck by a car about 4:55 p.m. at the intersection of County Roads 19 and 48, one mile east of Garrett.

According to Indiana State Police, Hugh M. Franks, 19, 195 Chestnut St., Waterloo, was driving his 1977 Dodge Aspen westbound on C.R. 48 when he saw Gaff walking across the road southbound.

Police said Franks sounded his horn, but Gaff appeared not to hear it and continued crossing the road. When Franks applied his brakes, he lost control of the car on the icy road and the car struck Gaff.

Gaff was thrown about 60 feet from the point of impact. He was pronounced dead at the scene and was taken to the DeKalb Memorial Hospital morgue.

Franks' car continued to slide and sideswiped an oncoming eastbound vehicle, a 1982 Lincoln, driven by Mary P. Gray, 44, of Route 2, Avilla. Neither of the drivers was injured in the accident. Police said both drivers were wearing seatbelts.

No charges were filed in the accident.

Damage was estimated at $300 to Franks' car and at $700 to Gray's car.

Grace Showalter

Grace L. Showalter, 73, died Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in Jackson County Hospital at Seymour, Ind.

She was a resident of 201 Dewey St., Auburn.

Mrs. Showalter was retired from teaching in the Auburn, Avilla, and Logansport schools. She was a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church and the Tri-Kappa Sorority.

She was born March 21, 1915 in Boxley, Ind. to John and Mary (Smith) Grimstead.

On Dec. 27, 1936 she married Keith R. Showalter in Tipton, Ind. He preceded her in death on May 16, 1987.

Surviving are two sons, Dalen Showalter of Glens Falls, N.Y. and Wayne Showalter of Brownstown, Ind.; two brothers, Clarence Grimstead of Lafayette and Ross Grimstead of Lakeland, Fla.; two sisters, Ruth Fiedler of Rochester, Ind. and Elizabeth Lindgren of Hastings, Neb.; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Auburn First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Doug Anderson and the Rev. Ken Walker, pastors of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Evelyn Brendel

SPENCERVILLE — Evelyn Brendel, 81, died Thursday at 11 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a resident of Spencerville and a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Spencerville Chapter No. 368 of the Eastern Star.

She was born Jan. 9, 1908 in Fort Wayne to Ezra and Bertha (Althouse) Norris.

On Sept. 5, 1936, she married Glenn J. Brendel. He survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are one son, Glenn E. Brendel of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Susan M. Funk of Spencerville; two brothers, Merle Norris of Phoenix, Ariz. and Earl Norris of Fort Wayne; and one grandson, Todd A. Brendel at Purdue University in West Lafayette.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Klaehn Funeral Home, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. An Eastern Star memorial service will be Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may be made to the Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin, Ind. or to the American Lung Association.

Philismena Elliott

Philismena "Phyllis" Elliott, 86, of 345 W. Seventh St., Auburn, died Friday at 12:45 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker and had worked as a nurse at the former Sanders Hospital and at Glen Oaks Nursing Home, Auburn. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

She was born March 17, 1902 in British Guiana to the late Emenual and Balbena (Fernandes) Elliott.

Surviving are one son, Lionel E. Teixeira of Auburn; two daughters, Greta Lonergan of Fort Wayne and Norma Teixeira of Auburn; one sister, Amelia Myers of Auburn; 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Patricia, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Father Tom Laliak of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemtery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Earline Putt

GARRETT — Earline V. Putt, 83, of 1011 N. Randolph St., Garrett, died Friday at 12:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was an employee of the former Sacred Heart Hospital and the former Garrett Community Hospital. She retired in 1975.

Mrs. Putt was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, the Garrett Eastern Star, the Fort Wayne White Shrine, the L.A.B.R.T. of Garrett, and the L.A. of the O.R.C. of Garrett. She served on the DeKalb County Election Board in Garrett as an inspector for 25 years.

She was born Aug. 17, 1905 in Garrett to the late Earl and Lena (Miller) Range.

She married Douglas O. Putt on Nov. 11, 1922 in Centreville, Mich. He preceded her in death in 1966.

She is survived by one son, Donald Putt of Michigan; one step-son, Douglas A. Putt Sr. of San Diego, Calif.; two half-brothers, Robert E. Kruse of San Leandro, Calif., and William Meyers of Royal Oak, Mich.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Dale Mendenhall, pastor of Garrett United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

Helen Freeman

Helen F. Freeman, 66, of Auburn died Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in her home.

She was a diet aide at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 15 years and a member of the [illegible]

She was born March [illegible], 1923 in rural Butler to Mac and Hilda (Loomis) Keller. Her father survives in Auburn.

She married Otho Freeman on Nov. 11, 1970 in the County Line Church of God, Auburn. He also survives.

Other survivors are one son, James Reed of Corunna; one daughter, Diana McConnell of Swedesboro, N.J.; three stepdaughters, Joan McVoy and Diane Peterson, both of Fort Wayne, and Linda DeBenedetto of Jacksonville, Fla.; three sisters, Ruth White of St. Joe, Deloris Nusbaum of Waterloo, and Joyce White of Kinderhook, Mich.; four grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, 1800 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ken Walker, associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, officiating.

Charles Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Charles R. Hicks, 81, a former resident of The Lamplighter, died at 9:36 p.m. Monday in the Lutheran Home. He had been in failing health a year.

Born in Noble County, Jan. 22, 1908, he was the son of Charles C. and Desta (Bunger) Hicks. On Nov. 27, 1965 in Wawaka, he married Dorothy Robinette Speaker, who survives.

Mr. Hicks was a member of the First Christian Church, Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife are a stepdaughter, Mrs. Phillip (Kathie) Conrad of Garrett; four stepsons, Maurice Speaker of Kendallville, Terryle Speaker, of Las Vegas, Nev., Lyle Speaker of Arnold, Md., and Lynn Speaker of Bloomington, Minn.; 17 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Four brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Jerry Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery near Garrett.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the First Christian Church buliding fund.

Frances Moore

FORT WAYNE — Frances I. Moore, 90, died Sunday morning at River Bend Nursing Home. A Maples native, she had lived most of her life in Fort Wayne.

Her husband, William E. Moore, preceded her in death in 1962.

Surviving are four daughters, Viola M. McKee, Janice E. Ianucilli and Velma Clausen, all of Fort Wayne, and Mary Bernice Land of Ossian; five sons, Edwin L. Moore of Wolf Lake, Russell J Moore of Leesburg, Gerald P. Moore of Fort Wayne, Robert E. Moore of Harvard, Ill., and William J. Moore of Butler; and 49 grandchildren.

Services are at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and 10 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home where rosary will be recited at 4:30 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Delpha Gayheart

HUDSON — Delpha Gayheart, 63, of Route 1, Hudson, died at 4:43 a.m. today in LaGrange Hospital, where she had been a patient three days.

She was born in McDowell, Ky., May 13, 1925, the daughter of William and Mattie (Dony) Blankenship. On June 9, 1944, she married David Gayheart, who survives.

Mrs. Gayheart moved to Route 1, Hudson, 1½ years ago from Ligon, Ky. She was a homemaker and member of Ligon Baptist Church.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters, Sharon Rose Reynolds of Shelby, Ky., Betty Tacket of Virgie, Ky., and Girlie Tacket of Ligon, Ky.; three sons, Hillard Gayheart of Stroh, and Kenneth and Roger Gayheart, both of Ligon, Ky.; five sisters, Elsie Gayheart of Rome City, Alley Willey of Highland, Mich., Maxie Stambaugh of Mongo, Annie Hamilton of Teaberry, Ky., and Tinie Bolton of Wolcottville; four brothers, Mitch and Fedie Blankenship, both of Route 1, Hudson, Eddie Blankenship of Wolcottville, and Levi Blankenship of McDowell, Ky.; and 10 grandchildren.

Two sons, General and Andy, a daughter, Eulene, two brothers, Condy and Henry Blankenship, and a sister, Elly Hamilton, preceded her in death.

Services will be in Martin, Ky., with no local calling. Burial will be in Blankenship Family Cemetery, McDowell, Ky.

Rodell Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson, is in charge of local arrangements.

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Cleota Duesler

Cleota E. Duesler, 83, died Wednesday at 7:20 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a lifetime resident of Auburn and most recently lived in Castle Court apartments.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

She was born Nov. 18, 1905 in Auburn to Clinton and Elizabeth (Clouse) Lahnum.

She was married April 29, 1922 in Ransom, Mich. to Ralph L. Duesler, who preceded her in death April 14, 1985.

Two sisters, Vera and Ruth, two brothers, Ralph and Willard, and a grandchild, Vicki Baker, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Beverly J. Dove, Auburn; a son, Donald D. Duesler, Las Vegas; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Private funeral services will be held Saturday with the Rev. Clark E. Hobby, of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Edward Atwater

Edward Atwater, 59, died Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He had been a patient at Glen Oaks Nursing Home, Auburn, for several years.

He was born July 10, 1929 in South Bend to Robert and Lillian (Jackson) Atwater.

Surviving are a stepmother, Addie L. Lewis, and a cousin, Earl Brown, both of South Bend.

He was a member of the Auburn Missionary Church.

Friends may call Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. William Lyne, of the Auburn Missionary Church, officiating.

Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Marion Peckhart

Marion G. Peckhart, 84, died Wednesday at 2:10 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, where he had been a patient for one week.

Peckhart, a lifetime Auburn resident who was best known as a grocer, was the owner/manager of Peckhart's Market (also known as Lumm's Grocery). After it closed, he worked for Burger's IGA until his retirement in 1976.

He was active in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, the Auburn Garden Club, and the DeKalb County Historical Society, and was a member of the Friends of the Library.

He was born Aug. 1, 1904 in Auburn to Henry and Wilhemina (Lemback) Peckhart.

He was married May 21, 1929 in St. Joe to Alice M. Tustison, who preceded him in death on Dec. 7, 1983. He also was preceded in death by one daughter, Margaret Pulver, six sisters, three brothers and three grandchildren.

Surviving are two sisters, Edith Merriman, Oakwood, Ohio, and Annis Peckhart, Cloverdale, Ohio; two daughters, Cynthia McCrory, Fort Wayne, and Rose Mary Ray, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Friends may call Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Hoyt Byrum officiating.

Burial will be in Auburn's Roselawn cemetery.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Auburn Presbyterian Church Chair Lift Memorial Fund.

Roy Owen

AUBURN — Roy Allen Owen, 41, Auburn, died at 10:24 a.m. Wednesday in Goshen General Hospital.

He was born Dec. 8, 1947 in Noble County, the son of Dolores and Forrest Owen Jr. His father preceded him in death in December 1961. His mother and stepfather, Dolores and Earl Chorpenning, survive in Kendallville.

On Aug. [illegible], 1967 in DeKalb County, he married [illegible] Havener, who also survives.

Mr. Owen had lived in Noble County and Fort Wayne before moving to Auburn a year ago. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving four years in the Marine Corps and four years in the Navy. He was a bail bondsman for Jack Lee & Associates in Fort Wayne and was a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

Surviving with his wife, mother and stepfather are his grandmother, Evelyn Iddings of Kendallville, a daughter, Katrina Owen of Fort Wayne; a son, Forrest Nicholas Owen of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Phillip and Jeffery Stevens, both of Auburn; three sisters, Margaret Campbell and Vicky Huston, both of Albion, and Dolores A. Chorpenning of Kendallville; two brothers, Harold and J.R. Owen, both of Fort Wayne; six nieces and two nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Jerry Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Marion Peckhart

Services for Marion G. Peckhart, 84, will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Peckhart died Wednesday at 2:10 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient for one week.

A lifetime Auburn resident who was best known as a grocer, he was the owner/manager of Peckhart's Market (also known as Lumm's Grocery). After it closed, he worked for Burger's IGA until his retirement in 1976.

He was active in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, the Auburn Garden Club, and the DeKalb County Historical Society, and was a member of the Friends of the Library.

He was born Aug. 1, 1904 in Auburn to Henry and Wilhemina (Lembeck) Peckhart.

He was married May 21, 1929 in St. Joe to Alice M. Tustison, who preceded him in death on Dec. 7, 1983. He also was preceded in death by one daughter, Margaret Pulver, six sisters and three brothers.

Surviving are two sisters, Edith Merriman, Oakwood, Ohio, and Annis Peckhart, Cloverdale, Ohio; two daughters, Cynthia McCrory, Fort Wayne, and Rose Mary Ray, Chagrin Falls, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McCombs, Engle and Christen Funeral Home, Auburn.

The Rev. Hoyt Byrum, pastor of Auburn Presbyterian Church, will officiate at Saturday's funeral service. Burial will be in Auburn's Roselawn cemetery.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Auburn Presbyterian Church Chair Lift Memorial Fund.

Ruth Dilgard

Ruth M. Dilgard, 88, died today at 2:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, where she had been a patient five days.

Mrs. Dilgard lived in Auburn [illegible] DeKalb County.

She was a homemaker, a member of the First Christian Church of Auburn, and a past president of the DeKalb County Home Demonstration Club.

She was born Oct. 30, 1900 in Richland Township, DeKalb County, to Perry A. and Edith (Olinger) Foote.

On April 18, 1921 she married Wilber M. Dilgard in Centreville, Mich. He preceded her in death on May 16, 1978.

One son, Robert L. Dilgard, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Max E. Dilgard of Cave Creek, Ariz.; one daughter, Eloise Dove of Auburn; two sisters, Maxine Walter of Auburn and LaRea Swartz of Resin, Va.; nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard, and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Alice Hupp, pastor of the First Christian Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the First Christian Church or the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Meredith Smetzer

HUDSON — Meredith M. Smetzer, 86, died Friday evening at home. He retired from the Federal Housing Administration as an architect in 1967.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; a sister and a brother.

Services were today in Huntington Chapel.

Preferred memorials are to St. Peter's First United Methodist Church.

Robert Dielman

BUTLER — Robert B. Dielman, 64, died Saturday at 8:38 p.m., in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Dielman was a lifetime resident of Butler who made his home at 516 E. Green St. He was retired from the Hendrickson-Tandem Co., Butler.

He was a World War II veteran and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, the Butler post of the American Legion, and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born April 28, 1924 in Butler to Byron and Melvina (Baerline) Dielman. His mother survives in Butler.

He was married Aug. 8, 1950 in Butler to Irene Baron, who survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a daughter, Margo Gineman, Montpelier, Ohio; a son, Gary Dielman, Waterloo; a brother, Richard Dielman, Lake Placid, Fla.; two sisters, Donna Treesh, Fort Wayne and Betty Wagner, Indianapolis; and three grandchildren, Ashley and Shannon Gineman, and Linsey Dielman.

Friends may call at the Johnson Funeral Home, Butler, today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Services will be in the funeral home Tuesday at 1 p.m., with the Rev. Gene Bauer of St. Mark's Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery with military honors.

Donations may be directed to the Butler American Legion Scholarship Fund.

Nellie Garman

FORT WAYNE — Nellie O. Garman, 92, died at 12:07 p.m. Friday at the Golden Years [illegible] in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and did cleaning for Leo schools.

Her parents were John A. and Anna (Frech) Clark.

Surviving are five daughters, Mary Timma of Fort Wayne, Ruth Schoof of Fort Wayne, Janet Grear of Waterloo, Maxine Taylor of Coldwater, Mich., and Phyllis Fowler of Ashland, Ohio; four sons, Robert Garman of Fort Wayne, Louis Garman of Corunna, Ralph Garman of Huntertown, and Frank Garman of Harlan; two sisters, Lela Reinhold of Fort Wayne and Dorothy Howell of Warren, Ind.; 42 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

Ms. Garman was a member of the Colony Church of Christ, in Fort Wayne.

Services were today at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial was in the Leo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Golden Years Homestead nursing home or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Cleon Knott

WATERLOO — Cleon Braden [illegible] urday at 4:50 a.m. while visiting friends in LaBelle, Fla.

Mr. Knott worked for the Indiana State Highway Department as a foreman for 20 years before retiring in 1979.

He was a World War II Army veteran, and was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge for more than 45 years.

He was born Oct. 29, 1913 in Columbia City, Ind. to Simon B. and Francis (Miller) Knott.

He is survived by his wife, Goldie (Kitchen); one son, Ben Knott of Waterloo; three daughters, Cleona Savoy of Fort Wayne, Sharon King of Waterloo, and Sheryl Harvey of Huntertown; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Knott was preceded in death by one son, Norman; two brothers, one sister, and four grandchildren.

Services will be at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Frank Little

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Frank E. Little, 72, of 413 Spencerville St., Hicksville, Ohio, died Saturday at 4:45 a.m. in Fountain Manor Nursing Care Center, Hicksville. He had been a resident there for 1½ years.

He was a retired carpenter and member of Carpenters Union No. 232, Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Hicksville Missionary Church, and has a number of friends in the Auburn area.

He was born Aug. 22, 1916 in Tennessee.

He married Aileen Boylan on Feb. 14, 1943 in Ossian, Ind. She survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Jay (Shirley) Yoder of Hicksville; one son, Jim Little of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Robert L. Little of Fort Wayne; one sister, Mrs. Luella Ferrell of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call today after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Robert Morrison officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County, Ind.

Memorial donations may be given to Gideons International or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Lois Wiley

Lois K. Wiley, 90, of Auburn died Sunday at 5:10 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a teacher until her marriage in 1921 in Avilla to [illegible] for the Auburn Automobile Co. He later founded Wiley Exports in Auburn, and she worked with her husband as office manager for many years.

Her husband preceded her in death Jan. 30, 1969.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and the Ladies Literary Club. She attended the University of Chicago and graduated from Tri-State Normal (now Tri-State University).

She was born Sept. 21, 1898 in Chicago to Wallace and Elnora (Walter) Dolan. They preceded her in death.

She is survived by one daughter, Joyce McIntyre of Auburn; two sons, Hugh Wiley of Willets, Calif., and Gene Wiley of Windfall, Ind., eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Wallace and Harry Dolan, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Hoyt Byrum officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be [illegible] the Auburn Presbyterian Church Biblical Gardens.

Wanda Oberlin Mierly

BUTLER — Wanda M. Oberlin Mierly, 75, died Monday at 8:55 a.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

She was a homemaker and member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Butler.

She was born May 22, 1913 in Utica, Ohio, to Zeph and Florence (Goode) Cannon. They are deceased.

She married Jerry Oberlin on Oct. 16, 1942 in Bryan, Ohio. He preceded her in death Aug. 20, 1972. She married Lloyd Mierly on Oct. 28, 1975 in Bryan, Ohio. He preceded her in death Feb. 28, 1977.

Survivors include one son, William Bowen of Ithaca, Mich.; one stepson, Jerry Oberlin Jr. of Hamilton; four stepdaughters, Leona Miller of Butler, Shirley Sheldon of Lake George, Mich., Evelyn Sildack of Manistique, Mich., and Rita Gay of Petosky, Mich.; one brother, William Cannon of Newark, Ohio; seven grandchildren, 24 step-grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call there today at Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Gene Bauer officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Butler.

David Dunn

WATERLOO — David Dunn, 50, of Whitehouse, Ohio, died Monday at 8:45 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Dunn was a native of Waterloo.

He was an engineer for Automatic Handling Corp. of Temperance, Mich. He formerly was employed by Owens-Corning of Toledo, Ohio, for 20 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a graduate of Purdue University. He was a member of the Gesu Catholic Church, Toledo.

He was born Jan. 21, 1939 in Waterloo to Albert and Kathryn (Schlosser) Dunn. They survive in Waterloo.

He married Susan Eckhard on Oct. 26, 1968 in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. She also survives.

Other survivors are three daughters, Amy, Kristin, and Kathryn, all at home; two brothers, Dr. Francis Dunn of Waterloo and Lawrence Dunn of Medina, Ohio; four sisters, Mrs. Christopher (Joyce) Rossillo and Mrs. Matthew (Ruth) Solomon, both of Vienna, Va.; Mrs. Daniel (Jane) Sweeney of Indianapolis; and Kathleen Dunn of Fullerton, Calif.

Friends may call Thursday from 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, where a rosary service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Thomas Lallak officiating. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be directed to masses at the church.

Former clerk Ralph Bruce dies

Ralph W. Bruce, 78, of Auburn died Monday at his winter home in Clearwater, Fla.

Mr. Bruce had resided in Auburn for many years. He retired in 1980 after 22 years as cashier and trust officer of the Auburn State Bank.

He served as DeKalb County Clerk for eight years from 1952-1960, and was a former member of the DeKalb County Election Board.

Mr. Bruce was a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church, the Auburn Lions Club, and the Auburn lodge of Free & Accepted Masons. He was a former member of the Loyal Order of Moose, and past president of the Auburn Little League.

He was born Oct. 5, 1910 in Fresno, Calif., to the late

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Howard H. and Sarah G. (Shearer) Bruce.

He married Mary Treesh on April 23, 1936. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jon W. Bruce of Nashville, Tenn.; two daughters, Jan Moose and Jill Benson, both of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. Doug Anderson, pastor of Auburn First United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the service begins at 11. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Maxine Gingery

GARRETT — Maxine R. Gingery, 58, died Wednesday at 5:27 p.m. at her son's home in South Whitley.

[illegible] formerly was a 30-year resident of Garrett.

She was a homemaker and a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. She was also a member of the Rosary Society at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in South Whitley.

She was born Aug. 9, 1930 in Montpelier, Ohio to Clarence and Bernadette (Ford) Herman. Her parents preceded her in death.

On Nov. 3, 1951 she married Leon Gingery in Montpelier. He preceded her in death on April 22, 1981.

Surviving are seven sons, Charles, Roger and David, all of Garrett; Mark of Waterloo; Anthony and Michael of South Whitley; and Gerald of Jacksonville, Fla.; two daughters, Maria Gingery of Goshen and Rosie Gingery of Quincy, Mass.; one brother, Franklin Herman of Montpelier; two sisters, Pauline Clark of Montpelier and Madonna Herman of Dayton, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett. A rosary service will be Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett. Father Gary Sigler will officiate.

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Mildred Hoff

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Mildred E. "Peg" Hoff, 86, 308 W. High St., Hicksville, died at her home late Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Hoff had been in failing health for the past several years.

She was born Jan. 30, 1903 in Defiance County, Ohio to George and Clara "Elizabeth" (Bidlac) Felton.

On May 3, 1930 she married Walter B. Hoff in Lima, Ohio. He preceded her in death on April 5, 1984.

Surviving are nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Hoff was a member of the Hicksville Trinity United Methodist Church. For many years she worked in the office of Dr. George Applegate. She also had been employed in the Hicksville Ladies Dress Shop, and Ronnie's Department Store.

Friends may call at the Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville after 2 p.m. Sunday and after 9 a.m. Monday.

Services will begin Monday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Gary Rode, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in the Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Beverly Floyd

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Beverly J. Floyd, 61, of Falls Church, Va., died unexpectedly Feb. 18 at her residence.

She was born April 21, 1926 in Avilla, the daughter of William and Alice Carteaux.

Her husband, Archie, whom she married in Avilla survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Cathy of California; three sons, Steven Floyd of California, Gary Floyd of Long Island, N.Y. and Jeffrey Floyd of Vienna, Va.; two sisters, LaVon Jansen of Kendallville, and Thersa Kebart of Joliet, Ill.; three brothers, Russell and Robert Carteaux, both of Avilla, and Thomas Carteaux of Auburn; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Barbara, and a brother, Larry.

Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Voneta Stohlman

ALBION — Voneta Stohlman, 73, Route 1, died in a one-car accident Wednesday night about two miles southeast of Albion.

Mrs. Stohlman was born Nov. 30, 1915, the daughter of Henry and Emma (Lipke) Schultz. On Sept. 26, 1936 in Albion, she married Edward Stohlman, who preceded her in death April 21, 1982.

Mrs. Stohlman, a housewife, was a member of the Wesleyan Church in Albion.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. David (Connie) Lynch of Hudson, Mrs. Richard (Carolyn) Mikley of Naples, Fla., and Mrs. Rick (Joyce) Carmien of Albion; a son, Duane Stohlman of Albion; a sister, Dorothy Anderson of Hudson; and 10 grandchildren.

A brother, Dale Schultz, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Albion Wesleyan Church, with Rev. Melvin Linville officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Visitation is from 1-3 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Albion Wesleyan Church.

Max Diederich

GARRETT — Max A. Diederich, 90, died Friday at 7:55 a.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

Mr. Diederich retired in 1963, after 50 years as a car inspector for the B & O Railroad in Garrett.

He was born Oct. 22, 1898 in Garrett to the late August and Marie (Kruger) Diederich.

He married Gladys Steffen on Aug. 3, 1924 in Garrett. She preceded him in death April 5, 1985.

Surviving are a son, Thomas, of Auburn; a daughter, Pat Hess, of Huntertown; two sisters, Alma Weimer, Warsaw, and Leona Neimeier, Detroit; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, where Mr. Diederich was a member. Pastor Harry Bartels will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, and Tuesday from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. at the church.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

Savilla Klink

ANGOLA — Savilla "Billie" Klink, 74, died early Friday morning in her home at Lowell, Mich.

She was a former resident of Angola and Auburn.

Her first husband, Ben VanAman, died in 1955. Her second husband, Harry E. Klink, died in 1963.

Surviving are a son, Dale P. VanAman, Kentwood, Mich.; two stepsons, R. Lawrence Klink and Edwin Klink, both of Angola; three grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, and four stepgreatgrandchildren; and a brother, Walter S. "Felix" Craig, of Michigan.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Klink Funeral Home, Angola. Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, near Garrett.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Leland Miller

SPENCERVILLE — Leland E. Miller, 67, died Thursday at 12:45 p.m. in Sun City Hospital, Sun City, Fla.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and a resident of Route 1, Spencerville. He had spent the past 12 winters in Riverview, Fla.

He was born March 29, 1921 in Allen County to Kenneth E. and Ethel M. (Oberholtzer) Miller. They preceded him in death.

One brother, Gerald E. Miller, also preceded him in death in 1983.

Surviving are one nephew, Dennis Miller of Fort Wayne, and one niece, Sandy Lane of Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. The Rev. Robert Heckman, pastor of the Butler United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Alton Cemetery, rural St. Joe.

Memorial donations may be given to Gideons International.

Violet Baker

BUTLER — Violet Elizabeth Baker, 79, died Sunday at 11:11 a.m. at Medco Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Baker was a former Butler [illegible] 22 years as an elementary teacher and librarian for the DeKalb Eastern school district.

She was a charter member of the DeKalb County Historical Society, a member of the John Houlton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a member of the Ladies Literary Club of St. Joe.

She was a Ball State University graduate, and a member of the DeKalb County Retired Teachers Association. She belonged to the Newville United Methodist Church.

She was born Oct. 4, 1909 in DeKalb County to Franklin and Margaret (Krise) May.

On Dec. 29, 1938, she married Roy Baker. He preceded her in death in November 1982.

One son, John, and one brother, Crates May, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. James (Marv Jane) Smith of Fort Wayne and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Al Black, pastor of the County Line Church of God, will officiate.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Marian Knox

BUTLER — Marian A. Knox, 68, died Saturday evening at Meadowhaven Nursing Home, Butler.

Mrs. Knox was a former resident of 201 W. Liberty, Butler. She was a [illegible] Butler Devis School and the Parker Insurance Agency.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, the Forest Chapter No. 44 Order of the Eastern Star, and the American Legion Auxiliary, all in Butler.

She was born April 15, 1920 in Butler to Roy and Aileen (Knepper) Osborne. They preceded her in death.

On Nov. 8, 1946, she married Glen Knox in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Rodrick Knox of Butler; one daughter, Mrs. John (Ann Lynn) Kluska of Glen Ellyn, Ill; one brother, John Osborne of Port Charlotte, Fla.; and three grandchildren, Annette and Matthew Knox, and Glynn Marie Kluska.

Friends may call Tuesday from 1-9 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Butler. An Eastern Star memorial service will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Glen Bauer, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Butler Daycare Scholarship Fund or the Eastside Area Foundation.

Earl 'Cy' McNabb

Earl W. "Cy" McNabb, 95, died Monday at 1505 a.m. in [illegible]

Mr. McNabb was a former resident of 1209 S. Van Buren St., Auburn. He had retired in 1958 after 43 years at the Auburn Rubber Co., where he was foreman of the toy department.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and a former member of the Auburn City Band and the Lions Club Nutt Band.

He was born Dec. 29, 1893 in Garrett to John and Margaret (Spitler) McNabb.

On June 24, 1916, he married Mary Horn in Auburn. She preceded him in death on June 11, 1979.

One daughter, Betty J. McNabb, and one brother, Bernard McNabb, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are one son, Virgil D. McNabb of Auburn; two daughters, Ellen Bates and Jean Brandon, both of Auburn; two brothers, Dale McNabb of Fowlersville, Mich. and Kenneth McNabb of Spencerville; one sister, Alwilda Walter of Spencerville; four grandchildren, Susan King, Thomas Brandon, William Bates and Nancy Bates; and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard, and Cline Funeral Home, and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The Rev. Dr. Clark E. Hobby, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the DeKalb High School Music Department Equipment Fund or the St. Mark's Lutheran Church Radio Fund.

Steven DeLong

ALBION — Steven O. DeLong, 6, died Monday morning at his residence.

He was born in Kendallville April 1, 1982, the son of Paul and Sherri (Kurtz) DeLong, who survive at Route 3, Albion. He attended DeKalb Pre-School for the Handicapped and was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Surviving with his parents are two sisters, Kari and Jennifer DeLong, and a brother, Chad, all at home; maternal grandparents, Jack and Donna Kurtz of Kendallville; and paternal grandmother Mrs. Harold (Ida) DeLong of Route 2, Avilla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Pre-School for the Handicapped or Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Ruth Moffet

Ruth G. Moffet, 84, 603 S. Main St., Auburn, died Monday at 4 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born March 12, 1904 in Auburn to Walter H. and Emma (Kruse) Moffet.

She lived her entire life in Auburn, and graduated from McIntosh High School in 1922. She was a bookkeeper at the Auburn Electric Light office, and for 35 years at the Auburn Foundry Inc., having retired in 1970.

She was a 60-year member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Auburn Associate Chapter of Tri Kappa Sorority. She was a member of the Mirian Circle of the church and a member of the Red Cross Guild of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital, having served as treasurer of the Council Guild of the hospital.

Services will be held at the Auburn Presbyterian Church Wednesday at 2 p.m. with the [illegible] Burial will be at [illegible] Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo on Tuesday from 6-9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Richard Gramling

VENICE, Fla. — Richard Keith Gramling, 91, died Monday in a nursing home.

Mr. Gramling was a former resident of Auburn and had retired in 1963 from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne. He had lived in Florida for the past 25 years.

He was born Nov. 17, 1897 in DeKalb County to Albert Gramling and Mary May Chapman.

On Oct. 24, 1917 he married Dorothy L. Chittenden at Hillsdale, Mich.

Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Anita "Sally" of Marietta, Ohio; one son, Marvin of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are a sister-in-law, Hilda Campbell of Auburn; nephews including, L.D. Gramling of [illegible], [illegible] of Ashley, Harold Gramling of Fort Wayne, Cecil Brown of rural Butler, and Ivan Brown of St. Joe; and nieces including Pat Stackhouse of Corunna, Mitzie Myers of rural Waterloo, and Evelyn Ellsasser of Kendallville.

Services and burial will be Thursday in Venice.

Ruth Baird

Ruth L. Baird, 89, died at 6 a.m. today at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, where she'd been a resident since Jan. 27.

She was a lifetime resident of Auburn.

She was born March 20, 1899, in Auburn to William and Nettie Stonebreaker.

She was married in Auburn to Frank Baird, who preceded her in death March 20, 1973.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, and the American Legion Auxiliary, Auburn.

Surviving is a son, Frank Baird Jr., of Auburn.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home with Dr. Clark E. Hobby, pastor of St. Mark's, officiating.

Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn.

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Glenn Hough

Glenn E. Hough, 77, died Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Fort Wayne.

He formerly lived on Sprott Street in Auburn, and resided in Zephyrhills, Fla. for 19 years.

He was retired from the shipping department of Dana Corp. in Auburn. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Zephyrhills, and was a World War II Army veteran.

He was born Nov. 8, 1911 in Glenham, S.D. to the late Samuel and Mae (Crouse) Hough.

He married Thelma Lowe on Nov. 3, 1930 in Cleveland, Ohio. She preceded him in death Jan. 25, 1985.

Surviving are one nephew, Robert Hough of Kimmell; one niece, Joan Oswald of Lutz, Fla.; and several great- and great-great nieces and nephews.

One brother, Walter, and one sister, Hattie Guilford, preceded him in death.

Friends may call at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Josephine Toneman

ADRIAN, Mich. — Josephine L. Toneman, 95, died Monday at 9 a.m. in Provincial House, Adrian, Mich.

Mrs. Toneman was a former resident of Fort Wayne and was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 4, 1893 in Chicago to William and Margaret Tessar. In March 1916, she married Henry Toneman in Chicago. He preceded her in death in October 1967.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Warren Toneman, a former Waterloo resident, four brothers and five sisters.

Surviving are one daughter, Doris L. Saville of Tecumseh, Mich., seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 12 noon-2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Tom Schroeder and Pastor Mark Zimmerman, grandsons of Mrs. Toneman, will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Waterloo-Grant Township Public Library.

Ex-Avilla official Vivian Hockenbarger dies

By TERRY HOUSHOLDER

caring, a loving person."

That's how friends remember former Avilla Clerk-Treasurer Vivian L. Hockenbarger.

Mrs. Hockenbarger, 72, Avilla's Citizen of the Year in 1987, died Wednesday at 2:45 p.m. in St. Francis Hospital, Beach Grove. She had been ill with cancer since August 1987.

"She was a wonderful person and a good neighbor," said Olive Giesecking, a friend of Mrs. Hockenbarger's for 35 years. "She was a very efficient town clerk and did a lot for Avilla. She helped the needy and spent a lot of her own money helping people out and never wanted any publicity out of it. I'm very saddened to hear of her death."

"She was very caring," said Joann Hindenlang, who along with Mrs. Hockenbarger helped organize the Avilla Christmas Bureau in 1985. "She was very conscientious and concerned about people. She helped people all year long, not just at Christmastime. We're going to sure miss her. She was a great person."

"She was a very, very fine lady and was willing to help everyone," said long-time friend Jim Koons. "She was a good clerk-treasurer, was active in the Chamber of Commerce and with the Christmas Bureau. Everyone liked Vivian."

Vivian Hockenbarger
1916-1989

Born in DeKalb County Sept. 2, 1916, Mrs. Hockenbarger was the daughter of Jay and Ina (Kistler) Whitler. In March, 1954 in Kendallville, she married John Hockenbarger, who preceded her in death in 1982.

Mrs. Hockenbarger, who moved to Avilla in 1954, was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church.

On April 5, 1971, she was appointed Avilla clerk-treasurer. She was elected to the post as a Democrat in 1971 and re-elected in 1975 and 1979. She chose not to seek another term in 1983 and on Jan. 1, 1984, switched jobs with her deputy clerk-treasurer, Jean Traxler. Mrs. Hockenbarger held that position until she became ill in August 1987.

"I worked with her for nine years, beginning in July 1978," said Traxler. "She was good to work for, efficient and taught me everything about the job," she said. "And she was good to people who needed help."

At the 1987 annual Avilla Chamber of Commerce banquet, where she received her plaque as Citizen of the Year, Mrs. Hockenbarger said her aunt, the late Flossie Weidler, a former missionary who helped raise her, instilled in her the need to help others.

"I love the people in this town ... Mrs. Hockenbarger said.

"We've done a lot, but we still have a lot to do. This is a caring community. Every time we've seen a need and asked the members of the community to help, they have come forward ... I've worked to help others over the years because I love to make people happy."

Surviving Mrs. Hockenbarger are a son, Maynard Clark of Indianapolis; a stepdaughter, Janet Porter of Bakersfield, Calif.; a stepson, Robert Hockenbarger of Fort Worth, Texas; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Josephine Waterbeck, preceded her in death in 1986.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with Rev. Ronald Storms officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. Friday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Cancer Society.

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Goldie Nicely

AVILLA — Goldie F. Nicely, 88, of LaVerna Terrace Apartments, Avilla, died Thursday at 9:08 a.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

She had resided in Avilla six years. She was the former clerk of the Antwerp, Ohio, post office and had lived in Toledo for 40 years.

She was a 1917 graduate of Antwerp High School, and a member of the Broadway United Methodist Church, Toledo.

She was born Oct. 30, 1900 in Antwerp to Howard and Mattie (Hixson) Treaster. Her parents and her husband, William, preceded her in death.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Norman (Doris) Ayers of St. Joe; one grandson and two great-grandsons.

Two brothers and three sisters also preceded her in death.

Friends may call at the Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, today after 2 p.m. and Saturday after 9 a.m.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. John Newberg officiating. Burial will be in the Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

William Nelson

WATERLOO — William Gerald Nelson, 73, died Wednesday at the Cumberland Medical Center in Crossville, Tenn.

Mr. Nelson was a former resident of the Waterloo area, but had recently lived in Fairfield Glade, Tenn.

He was a retired manufacturing and quality control officer, and was a member of the Victory Baptist Church in Crossville.

He was born on March 12, 1950 in Geneva, Ind. to William and Ethel (Martz) Nelson. They preceded him in death.

He married Ruby Alice Himes, who survives in Fairfield Glade.

Also surviving are three sisters, Lilah Bartels of LaGrange, Gene Conklin of Tempe, Ariz., and Helen Kauffman of Phoenix, Ariz., and nieces and nephews.

Services were Thursday at 7 p.m. in the chapel of the Fair Funeral Home in Crossville.

A graveside service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Maplewood Cemetery, Waterloo. The Rev. Reinold Pette, pastor of the Victory Baptist Church in Crossville, will officiate.

Fannie Lake 3-4-198

BUTLER — Fannie Lake, 99, died Feb. 25 in Meadow Haven Nursing Home, Butler.

Mrs. Lake was an Old Settler of DeKalb County in 1986, and she had been the Grand Marshall of the Butler Days parade. She lived on her own until age 91.

Reading and playing piano were two of her favorite hobbies, and she contributed poetry to the Auburn Evening Star. She loved children, and highlights of her days were visits from her great-grandchildren. She has been described as an independent and loving person, who will be missed by family and friends.

She was born April 3, 1889. She married Edward Lake, who preceded her in death.

Four children, Russell, Edward, Francis, and Lynn, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Stanley and Paul Lake, 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

No funeral arrangements were available.

Theresa Mae Stomm

WATERLOO — Theresa Mae Stomm, 89, died Friday at 6:10 p.m. in the Meadowhaven Nursing Home, Butler.

She was born Feb. 9, 1900 in Steuben County to William and Mary Lou (Howe) Hanes.

She was married Dec. 2, 1917 in Waterloo to Ralph Stomm, who preceded her in death Sept. 1, 1978.

She was a lifetime resident of DeKalb County and resided on County Road 14, Waterloo.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley. She was a charter member of the Fairfield Township Home Demonstration Club; the Progressive Friendship Club, and the Timbercrest Auxiliary of Timbercrest Home.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Stomm, Auburn, and Robert Stomm, Waterloo; a daughter, Vivian Northouse, Waterloo; two sisters, Irene Gardner, Hudson, and Lucille Holsinger, Ashley; seven grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. at the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, near Ashley.

Funeral services Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Pleasant Chapel Church, with the Rev. Robert Ebey and the Rev. Emery Kintner officiating.

Burial will be in the Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Pleasant Chapel Church.

Bertha Gump

GARRETT — Bertha Gump, 99, died Saturday at 5:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where she had resided since 1980.

Mrs. Gump was a homemaker and former Garrett resident. She was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, Garrett.

She was born Jan. 17, 1890 in Garrett to the late Samuel Harrison Downend and Lora (Houser) Downend.

She married Perry Gump on Feb. 20, 1910 near Churubusco. He preceded her in death Feb. 18, 1968.

She is survived by nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter, Harry, and Jay.

Calling today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Michael Smith, pastor of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, officiating. Burial will be in Embry Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

3-6-1989

Former Garrett man dies in one-car crash

FORT WAYNE — Michael E. Muzzillo, 21, of 616 Wallen Hills, Fort Wayne, died early Sunday morning when his car hit a tree.

Muzzillo was a lifetime resident of Garrett until his family moved to Fort Wayne last year.

According to Allen County Police, he was driving north on Coldwater Road, near Shoaff Road, Sunday around 3:30 a.m. when his 1983 Chevy Celebrity crossed left of the center line and departed the roadway, crossed a four-foot deep ditch and struck a mailbox, then an earthen driveway. The impact with the driveway caused the car to become airborne for 35 feet.

The car was six feet above the ground when it collided with the tree. The impact caused the car to rotate and flip over, coming to rest on its top. Road conditions were described as rainy and wet.

Muzzillo was pronounced dead at the scene at about 3:39 a.m.

He attended Garrett High School and was most recently employed as a brake installer at Exhaust World in Fort Wayne. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett.

He was born Jan. 29, 1968 in Auburn to Richard and Carol (Lung) Muzzillo, who survive in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two daughters, Amber Marie, Angola, and Taya Ann, Fort Wayne; a brother, Jeff, Fort Wayne; and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lung, Hudson.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A wake service at the funeral home will begin Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Father Gary Sigler, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

3-6-1989

Floyd Handy

BUTLER — Floyd R. Handy, 89, died Saturday in Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, Mich.

He was born Jan. 12, 1900 in Ashley. On Oct. 5, 1928, he married Opal Shumaker in Kendallville. She preceded him in death Jan. 16, 1956.

He then married Ruth Keppler. She preceded him in death Oct. 22, 1988.

He was a member of the Forest Lodge F&AM No. 239 in Butler.

Surviving are one son, Skip Handy of Fort Wayne, and one stepson, James Haaf of Perrysburg, Ohio.

Services were today at 2 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler. The Rev. Dale Rabineau, pastor of the Butler Church of Christ, officiated.

Burial was in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Kidney Foundation.

Albert Albright

Albert Albright, 85, died Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

A lifetime resident of DeKalb County, he made his home on West First Street in Auburn.

He worked 35 years as a mechanic for Robin Chevy-Buick in Auburn, retiring in the early 1950s.

He was born Sept. 22, 1903 in DeKalb County to William and Bertha (Blanvelt) Albright.

He was married Oct. 2, 1924 in Coldwater, Mich. to Ruth Boyd, who survives. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ivan.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. David Abel, pastor of the Waterloo United Methodist Chuch, officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Virginia Clum

Virginia R. Clum, 68, died Saturday at 5 p.m. in Highland General Hospital, Sebring, Fla.

Mrs. Clum was a former Auburn resident. She was born in Metz, in eastern Steuben County, on Sept. 30, 1920, the daughter of Harvey and Maude Dunham.

She was married in Auburn to Max L. Clum, who preceded her in death on Sept. 3, 1985.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church in Auburn and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Surviving are a daughter, Marcia Shumaker of Kendallvile and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. The Rev. Alice Hupp, pastor of First Christian Church, will officiate.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the DeKalb County Hospice of Hope.

James Little 3-6-1989

James E. Little, 82, of Auburn, died Sunday at 5:45 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home.

From 1953 to until his retirement in 1969, Mr. Little lived in Kendallville, where he was employed as a foreign sales manager for the Litton Corp. (formerly McCray Refrigeration).

Mr. Little also was associated with two Auburn businesses: Wiley Export and Messenger Corp.

He was born in Auburn on April 21, 1906 to Edward O. and Gertrude (Caruth) Little.

On March 13, 1931 he married Helen L. O'Dell in Indianapolis. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Roberta Schaab of Auburn and Judith Myers of Denver, Colo.; one brother, Robert H. Little of Auburn; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Little was a 1924 graduate of Auburn High School and a 1930 graduate of Indiana University, where he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Hoyt Byrum, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-5 and 7-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Rose Bherns

ANGOLA — Rose I. Bherns, 69, of Lake Gage died Friday at 2:04 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient five days.

She had resided in the Altona area most of her life, and had lived at Lake Gage for the past 12 years. She formerly worked as a seamstress for Marshall Clothing Co. in Garrett.

She was a member of the Lake Gage Cottage Association.

She was born May 2, 1919 in Garrett to the Late Harlan and Clara Krick.

She married Clinton E. Bherns in October 1936 in Garrett. He preceded her in death in August 1977.

Surviving are one son, Clinton E. Bherns Jr. of Kendallville; two daughters, Rosemary Lafko of New Jersey and Dianna Schultis of LaGrange; one brother, Earl Krick of Auburn; two sisters, Ruth Hazelton of Garrett and Fern Moughler of Hamilton; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Four sisters and one grandson preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Wilson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kendallville, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

Memorial donations may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association or the Kidney Foundation.

Ernest Foltz

AVILLA — Ernest L. Foltz, 65, of Avilla died Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Veterans' Administration Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Foltz retired in 1984 from DeKalb Distributing with 20 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was past commander of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, a member of the Elks and Eagles lodges, and past president of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born Jan. 26, 1924 in Fort Wayne to the late Lester and Edna (Carpenter) Foltz.

He married Betty Boyce on July 7, 1952 in Salem, Ark. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Nancy Barnett of Fort Wayne and Sandra Fowler of Buena Park, Calif.; three sons, Gregg and Jeff, both of Garrett, and Robert Keirns of Fort Wayne; one sister, Florence Carrol of Lawton, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5:30 and 7-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. An Elks service will begin tonight at 7:30 in the funeral home.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dr. Clark E. Hobby of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, officiating.

Paul Crothers

FAIRFIELD, Ohio — Paul D. Crothers, 65, of Fairfield, Ohio, died Sunday evening in Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a native of St. Joe, Ind.

Mr. Crothers was a personal financial planner for IDS/American Express. He was a World War II Navy veteran, and a member of the First United Methodist Church, Hamilton, Ohio.

He was born June 8, 1923 in St. Joe to John and Ella (Schultz) Crothers. His mother survives in North Vernon, Ind.

He married Ruby Price on July 3, 1969 in Lexington, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Steven Duane Crothers of Palo Alto, Calif., and Douglas Arthur Crothers and John L. Crothers, both of Fairfield, Ohio; one brother, James of New Haven; two sisters, Rose Marie Bragg of Fort Madison, Iowa, and Shirley Wolfcale of North Vernon, Ind.; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. in Colligan Funeral Home, 437 S. Third St., Hamilton, Ohio.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Hamilton, Ohio. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Hamilton, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be given to the church or to the American Heart Association.

Vera Elson 3-8-1989

Vera Elson, 97, died Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn. A homemaker, she formerly resided on East Ninth Street in Auburn.

Mrs. Elson was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church.

She was born Nov. 18, 1891 in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County to the late Peter and Ida (Myers) Coyle.

She married Fred Elson, who preceded her in death in 1956.

Surviving are one niece, Doris Henning of Auburn; and one nephew, Robert Fifer of Pleasant Lake.

Two brothers, Artus and Harold Coyle, and two sisters, Letha Coyle and Norma Fifer, preceded her in death.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Friends may call two hours prior to the service. The Rev. Doug Anderson, pastor of Auburn First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Entombment will be in the mausoleum in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

Allan Teutsch

BUTLER — Allan D. Teutsch, 66, of Butler died Tuesday at 9:10 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired farmer and a retired employee of Hendrickson Suspension.

He was born Feb. 16, 1923 in DeKalb County to the late Foster and Elsie (Campbell) Teutsch.

He married Virginia Raney on Feb. 9, 1950 in Logansport, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Anthony of Sugar Land, Texas; and one sister, Ialeen Theisen of Edgerton, Ohio.

One son, Philip, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Bob Heppner officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Leukemia Society.

Virginia Clum

3-9-1989

Virginia R. Clum, 68, died Saturday in Highlands Regional Medical Center at Sebring, Fla.

Mrs. Clum was born in Auburn and was a resident of Auburn for many years.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the First Christian Church in Auburn. She was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Women's Club, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion.

Her parents were Harvey and Maude Dunham. She married Max L. Clum, who preceded her in death in September 1985.

Surviving are one daughter, Marcia Shumaker of Kendallville, and two grandchildren.

Graveside services were today in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Funeral arrangements were handled by McComb, Dilgard, and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

George Groff

BUTLER — George W. Groff, 87, died Wednesday at 5:40 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a former resident of Edgerton, Ohio, but was living with his daughter in Butler at the time of his death. He was retired from masonry and construction work.

He was born March 5, 1902 in Edgerton to Henry and Hattie Alberta (Jewel) Groff.

He married Helen Siebenaler, who preceded him in death in 1954. One son, Marvin; one brother, Paul; one sister, Wanda; and one grandson, Mark Groff, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Betty) Beard of Butler and Mrs. LaVon (Doris) Singleton, Avilla; four sons, Morris, Kenneth, Edward, and Donald, all of Edgerton; one sister, Doris Thiel of Edgerton; 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-9 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Jim Wilson of Trinity Bible Church, Edgerton, will officiate.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Ozro McKelvogue

3-9-1989

HUDSON — Ozro W. McKelvogue, 90, of Route 1, Hudson, died at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 18, 1898, the son of David and Mary (Messenger) McKelvogue. He had resided at Route 1, Hudson, since 1945. Before that he had lived in Fort Wayne, Des Moines and Bryan, Ohio. An Army veteran of World War II, he was retired from Container Corporation in Fort Wayne, and had worked at Ohio Art Company, Bryan, Ohio.

Surviving are five nephews, Bert Newell of Fort Wayne, Raymond Spangler of Bluffton, Ohio, David, Jack and Ralph Vale, all of St. Louis, Mo.; and a niece, Mary Olson of Des Moines.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson, with Rev. Conrad Scweibold of St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church, Big Long Lake, officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Evelyn Ford

AVON PARK, Fla. — Evelyn N. Ford, 74, a former resident of Auburn, died Monday at 1 p.m. in Avon Park, Fla.

Mrs. Ford died from injuries suffered in an auto accident.

She was born June 16, 1914 in Auburn to Oliver and Maude (Resler) Richey.

A graduate of Churubusco High School and Ball State University, she was a school teacher in Indiana high schools for 30 years, retiring in 1976.

Her husband, Lamoile Ford, a former teacher at DeKalb High School, survives.

Mrs. Ford also is survived by her daughter, Sandra Ramsden of Belleair, Fla.; one sister, Grace Rankin of Muncie, Ind.; and two grandchildren.

She was a member of Indiana Retired Teachers, United Methodist Women, the American Association of Retired Persons, the Avon Park Winter Guest Club, the Hibiscus Garden Club, and the First United Methodist Church in Avon Park.

Services were today at Stevenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Avon Park.

Burial was in Bougainvillea Cemetery, Avon Park.

Mildred Williams

Mildred "Bill" Williams, 86, died Friday at 3:10 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Miss Williams was a former resident of 251 N. McClellan St., Auburn.

She worked as an office secretary at the University Club of Chicago for 25 years, until her retirement in 1968. She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, the Eastern Star Lodge chapter in Mt. Ayer, Iowa, and Sigma Beta Sorority.

She was born Feb. 20, 1903 in Mt. Ayr, Iowa to John A. and Helen J. (Wood) Williams.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Caryl Saltzman and Irene Wilson.

Surviving are two brothers, John Williams of Waterloo and Keith Williams of Auburn; three sisters, Louise Agnew of Winterset, Iowa; Iona Kennedy of Muskegon, Mich., and Marian West of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. The Rev. Hoyt Byrum, pastor of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

Lois Shipe

ASHLEY — Lois A. Shipe, 74, of 113 W. Hobart St., Ashley, died at 9:20 a.m. today in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson. Call 587-3733.

Jennie Young

ST. JOE — Jennie Mae Young, 92, of 7662 State Road 8, died Wednesday at 11 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was a patient there five days and had been ill six months.

She was a member of the Newville United Methodist Church, Blen Circle, and the DeKalb County Election Board. She was a charter member of the United Methodist Women, and was an active pianist for 50 years.

She was born Oct. 1, 1896 in Hicksville, Ohio to the late David and Lovina (Rigel) Robinson.

She married Cloyd Young on July 21, 1914. He died in 1973.

Surviving are two daughters, Eva Young and Betty Kaiser, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Alice Hulbert of Bryan, Ohio, and Edith Timbrook of Hicksville; two stepsisters, Helen Boight of Hicksville and Lydia Moore of Stryker, Ohio; two granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren.

Two brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday after 2 p.m. and Sunday after 10 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. John Newberg officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Carrie Roy

AVILLA — Carrie C. Roy, 96, died Thursday evening in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. She had lived most of her life in Fort Wayne, and retired in 1952 from Undergarment Manufacturing Co.

Her husband, Frank, preceded her in death in 1960.

Surviving are three daughters, Dorothy Maxwell of Wolcottville, Jessie Hobbs of Fort Wayne, and Jeannette Johnson of Three Rivers, Mich.; a son, Wayne Roy of Garrett; and nine grandchildren.

Services were this morning in Fort Wayne, with burial in St. Vincent Catholic Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are masses to the church.

Lois Shipe

ASHLEY — Lois A. Shipe, 74, formerly of 113 W. Hobart St., Ashley, died Friday at 9:20 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born in Waterloo, Sept. 11, 1914, the daughter of Isaac and Helen (Rohm) Johnson. On March 29, 1935 in Waterloo, she married Cecil B. Shipe, who preceded her in death May 6, 1984.

Mrs. Shipe had lived in Ashley 50 years moving there from Waterloo. She was a member and past matron of Ashley O.E.S. No. 229, Past Matrons Club and Ashley Friendship Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. John (Ruth Ann) Pearson of Ashley; a son, Donald D. Shipe of Ashley; a sister, Doris Shultz of Waterloo; a brother, Paul Johnson of Holgate, Ohio; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A sister, Naomi Schlosser, and a brother, Wayne Johnson, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson, with Rev. Dean Snyder of Logansport Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Donald Michael

GARRETT — Donald D. Michael, 52, died Sunday at 8:40 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Michael was a 30-year resident of Garrett, and worked as a meterman for Indiana Michigan Power for 35 years. He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, and the Garrett Elks, Eagles, and Knights of Columbus.

He was born April 18, 1936 in Monon, Ind., to Raymond and Mary (Englert) Michael. His mother survives in Garrett.

He married Peggy Boehning on May 2, 1953 in Fort Wayne. She also survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Mark of Garrett and Brian, with the U.S. Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; four brothers, Gordon of Virginia Beach, Va., Raymond of Alabama, and Wilhmen and Kevin, both of Tucson, Ariz.; four sisters, Ina Ruth Lochner of Kankakee, Ill., Sister Celian Michael of Chicago, Sister Emilita Michael of Cassville, Wis., and Teresa Glaze of Roanoke, Ind.; and three grandchildren.

One daughter, Terry Michael, and one son, Ricky Michael, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. An Elks memorial service will begin tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Gary Sigler officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to the Elks charity fund.

Mable Baldwin

BUTLER — Mable Baldwin, 87, died Sunday at 6:10 a.m. in Meadowhaven Nursing Center, Butler.

Mrs. Baldwin formerly lived at 208 E. Washington St., Butler. She was a homemaker and a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and Forest Chapter No. 44 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a former member of the Butler MW Club.

She was born Dec. 20, 1901 in Paulding County, Ohio, to the late George and Emma (Hosler) Sprow.

She married Major Baldwin on Sept. 21, 1921 in Hillsdale, Mich. He died Sept. 6, 1960.

Surviving are one son, Joseph of Butler; three daughters, Thada Foulk of Bryan, Ohio, Polly Ann Michael of Fort Wayne, and Cheryl Cordes of Angola; five sisters, Pearl Ryals of Jamestown, Tenn., Bertha Middaugh of Hicksville, Ohio, Tracy Allwood of Butler, Stella Schaffer of Bradenton, Fla., and Treva Burgor of Ypsilanti, Mich.

One daughter, Lois, and one grandson, Mitchell Hullinger, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday after 2 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Butler. An Eastern Star memorial service will begin Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Robert Heckman, pastor of the Butler United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the church or the Order of the Eastern Star.

Douglas Rademacher
Derreck Rademacher

ST. JOE — Douglas W. and Derreck Wayne Rademacher died Thursday from injuries sustained in an auto accident near St. Joe.

Douglas, 25, was Derreck's father. Derreck was stillborn after the accident, at 9:04 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Douglas, an employee of Fleetwood Homes of Garrett, was born Aug. 20, 1963 in Huntingburg, Ind. to Douglas and Donna (Arnold) Rademacher. They survive in Monroeville.

Also surviving are his wife, Tamme LeAnn (Williams) Rademacher; one daughter, Alisha; one stepdaughter, Jennifer Lee Kensill; one stepson, Daniel Kensill; one sister and one brother, April and Kurt Rademacher, both of Monroeville; and a grandmother, Alice Rademacher of Monroeville.

Douglas Rademacher was a member of the East Liberty United Methodist Church of Fort Wayne.

Services for both Douglas and Derreck will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in D.L. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Douglas and Derreck will be buried in the Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to family members.

Burmadetta McDowell

GARRETT — Burmadetta McDowell, 90, died Monday at 9:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn. She was a homemaker and retired insurance agent.

She had resided in Garrett for 35 years, and was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 14, 1898 in Garrett to the late Samuel and Mary (Melendy) Johnston.

She married George McDowell on Oct. 19, 1920 in Chicago. He preceded her in death in 1949.

Surviving are one daughter, Patricia McDowell of St. Joseph, Mich.; one sister, Julia Schulthess of Garrett; and one grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, David, a sister, Pauline Zautz, and two brothers, Paul and Buford.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. N. Dale Mendenhall officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

Mable Baldwin

BUTLER — Mable Baldwin, 87, died Sunday at 6:10 a.m. in Meadowhaven Nursing Center, Butler.

Mrs. Baldwin formerly lived at 208 E. Washington St., Butler. She was a homemaker, a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and Forest Chapter No. 44 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a former member of the Butler MW Club.

She was born Dec. 20, 1901 in Paulding County, Ohio, to the late George and Emma (Hosler) Sprow.

She married Major Baldwin on Sept. 21, 1921 in Hillsdale, Mich. He died Sept. 6, 1960.

Surviving are one son, Joseph of Butler; three daughters, Theda Folk of Bryan, Ohio, Polly Ann Michael of Fort Wayne, and Cheryl Cordes of Angola; five sisters, Pearl Ryals of Jamestown, Tenn., Bertha Middaugh of Hicksville, Ohio, Tracy Alwood of Butler, Stella Schaffer of Bradenton, Fla., and Treva Burgor of Ypsilanti, Mich.; 11 grandchhildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Lois, and one grandson, Mitchell Hullinger, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday after 2 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Butler. An Eastern Star memorial service will begin Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Robert Heckman, pastor of the Butler United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the church or the Order of the Eastern Star.

Wilburn Nester

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Wilburn "Web" Nester, 57, died Sunday at 10:50 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient five weeks.

He resided at 105 Oak Park Drive, Hicksville, Ohio. He retired Nov. 30, 1988 from Preston Trucking Co., Bryan, Ohio, with 25 years of service.

He was a 1949 graduate of Edon High School, Edon, Ohio, and was a veteran of the Korean conflict. He was a member of the Hicksville Masonic Lodge, the Defiance County Fish and Game Club, the Bryan Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Quarter Horse Association, and AMVETS of Bryan. He was a charter member of the Williams County Sheriff's Posse Association, and a past member of the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department.

He was born April 4, 1931 in Hillsville, Va., to the late Lee and Nancy (Bobbitt) Nester.

He married Dorothy Beverly on March 8, 1958 in Hicksville. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Brenda Gallant of Hamilton; three brothers, James of Hamilton, Otis of Edon, and Robert of Bryan; two sisters, Essie Alderman of Draper, Va., and Mable Frey of Edon.

Friends may call today after 2 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with chaplain Edward Defour officiating. Burial will be Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, with a graveside military service by the Bryan VFW.

Memorial donations may be given to the Oncology Department, 4 East, Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arnold Handshoe

KENDALLVILLE — Arnold Handshoe, 63, of Route 2, Kendallville, died Tuesday at 12:55 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Handshoe was employed by the Kendallville Foundry.

He was born June 1, 1925 in Garrett, Ky. to Christopher and Maggie (Bradley) Handshoe. His mother survives in Garrett, Ind.

He married Flora Harmon on Jan. 18, 1946 in Garrett, Ind. She also survives.

Other survivors include five daughters, Judy Boyd, and Betty and Ellen Handshoe, all of Kendallville, Hazel Ensley of Gastonia, N.C., and Jeannette Mansfield of Churubusco; two sons, Wayne and Leslie, both of Kendallville; three brothers; seven sisters; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

One brother and one grandson preceded him in death.

Services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the True Church of God in Jesus' Name, Kendallville, with Jesse Messer, Leslie Click, and Bill and Gladys Wilson officiating.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Carl Hoover

COLDWATER, Mich. — Carl T. Hoover, 75, of Coldwater, died Tuesday evening in the Bronson Methodist Hospital Burn Unit in Kalamazoo, Mich., following an accident in his home Monday.

Mr. Hoover was a former Auburn resident. He was a member of Iron Workers Local No. 147 for 45 years, retiring in 1979.

He was born July 9, 1913 in Allen County, Ind.

He married Bernice Lewis on Sept. 18, 1937. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry of Garrett and Dan of Coldwater, Mich.; two daughters, Mrs. Ted (Nina) Hollabaugh and Mrs. Keith (Bernice) Timmerman, both of Spencerville; one sister, Ruby Herl of Phoenix, Ariz.; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

A son, Carl Hoover Jr., preceded him in death in 1966.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-9 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the Bronson Methodist Hospital Burn Unit in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Edward Schlosser

WATERLOO — Edward F. Schlosser, 76, of 595 Oak St., died today at 5:55 a.m. in his home.

He had been employed as a maintenance supervisor for Dr. E.E. Rogers, retiring in 1977. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

He was born Dec. 6, 1912 in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, to the late Frank Joseph and Louise (Pfefferkorn) Schlosser.

He married Veronica May on Jan. 2, 1937 in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, DeWayne and Bill, both of Auburn; two daughters, Charlotte Miller of Fort Wayne and Mary Jo Schmidt of Auburn; four sisters, Minnie and Cecilia Hollis, both of Garrett, and Helen Frick and Katherine Dunn, both of Waterloo; 16 grandchildren; and five

Ruth Teeters

3-15-1989

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Ruth Bell Teeters, 93, died Sunday evening at Friendship Village in Kalamazoo, where she had lived for a number of years.

She was retired after teaching 30 years in Idaho.

She was the daughter of the late Franklin and Amanda (Ober) Teeters, and was raised along State Road 8 between Auburn and Garrett, on the site of the present Fleetwood Homes factory.

Surviving are three sisters, Ethalinda Stroh, Roanoke, Va; Esther Woodruff, Kalamazoo, and Anna Ballard, Dayton, Ohio.

Preceding her in death were two sisters, Ida Teeters and Mary Shumaker, and two brothers, Washington Teeters and Levi Teeters.

She attended the United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials donations may be given to the DeKalb Animal Shelter.

John Elkins

HUDSON — John Milburn Elkins, 69, of Route 1, Hudson, died Tuesday at 12:25 p.m. at his residence. He had been ill the past year.

Born in Morgan County, Ky., Jan. 3, 1920, he was the son of John L. and Jenny (Yokum) Elkins. On Feb. 19, 1966 in Ashley, he married Catherine (Traxler) Dickerson, who survives.

Mr. Elkins had lived in the Hudson area 63 years, moving from Kentucky. He owned and operated Elkins House Moving and Construction in Helmer and was a member of Helmer United Methodist Church and Sturgis Moose Lodge, Sturgis, Mich.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Rose Marie Cook of Fort Wayne, Lynne Etta Slone of Route 3, Wolcottville, and Nellie John Shepherd of Helmer; two sons, Fred Elkins of Helmer, and John Elkins of Route 1, Hudson; two stepdaughters, Candy Kilgallen of Helmer and Sue Boyer of Eden, Ohio; a stepson, Rocky Boyer of Helmer; two sisters, Lizzie "Betty" Aaron of Angola, and Mae Sowles of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren.

A daughter, Canda Elkins, two brothers, Dock and Gordon Elkins, and two sisters, Lula Robinson and Eura Ann Babino, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Helmer United Methodist Church, with Rev. Edwin Pease and Rev. Vern Noll officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. today and 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson, and one hour before services Friday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Belva Nixon

GARRETT — Belva (Hixson) Nixon, 86, died Saturday, March 11, in Santa Clara, Calif.

Mrs. Nixon formerly lived in the Garrett area. She had lived in California for more than 35 years and was in poor health for the last several years.

She was born Oct. 26, 1902 to Forrest A. and Amanda (Houser) Hixson of rural Garrett. She was a 1919 graduate of Garrett High School and was active in the local Business and Professional Women organization.

Surviving are one son, Richard F. Buchmeier, Kendallville; one daughter, Mary Alice (Buchmeier) Bush, New Albany; one brother, J. Myles Hixson, of the Garrett area; four nephews, three nieces, including Norma (Hixson) Hullinger, Auburn; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Her parents and one sister, Mrs. Oscar (Mary K. Hixson) Noel of rural Garrett, preceded her in death.

Funeral services and burial were conducted in California this week.

Wilma Fulk 3-18-1989

KENDALLVILLE — Wilma M. Fulk, 78, of 617 W. William St., died at 8:08 p.m. Thursday at McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

She was born July 26, 1910 in Butler, the daughter of Arthur and Adella (Johnson) Deems. On July 2, 1949 in Kendallville, she married Earl Fulk, who survives.

Mrs. Fulk had lived in Kendallville most of her life, moving here from Butler. She had been employed by the J.C. Penney Company for 20 years and Skinner's Sewing Center, retiring [illegible] Faith United Methodist Church, American Legion Auxiliary Post 86 and Kendallville Women of the Moose.

Surviving with her husband is a grandnephew, Eric Lee Johnston, who resided with the Fulks; a sister, Gretchen Guzeko of South Bend; and five nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Paul and George Deems, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Glenn Copeland officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Fund.

Hazel Beaver 3-18-1989

GOSHEN — Hazel L. Beaver, 95, a resident of Fountainview Place Nursing Center, Goshen, since 1981, died there at 1:05 p.m. Thursday.

She was born in Salem Center, Steuben County, Nov. 24, 1893 and formerly lived at Pleasant Lake. She was a registered nurse and director of nursing in a hospital in Detroit, Mich. She was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Goshen.

Her husband, Charles Beaver, preceded her in death.

Only nieces and nephews survive.

A sister, Katherine Swihart, and [illegible] and Sheldon Lepley, preceded her in death.

A prayer service will be held at 11 a.m. today in Salem Center Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the church from 10-11 a.m. today.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Rieth, Rohrer & Ehrat Funeral Home, Goshen, is in charge of arrangements.

Hazel Treesh

WATERLOO — Hazel Louise Treesh, 64, of Waterloo died Sunday at 4:45 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Sixteen Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna. She was also a member of the Auburn Moose Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 8, 1924 in Warsaw, Ind. to the late James and Hazel (Hartman) Garrison.

She married Orville Treesh on Jan. 22, 1946 in Albion. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Betty Smart of Albion and Nancy Shatto of Mesa, Ariz.; one brother, John Garrison of Kalkaska, Mich.; and four grandchildren.

Two sisters, Lillian Ridenour and Mary Lung, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl, pastor of Calvary Chapel of Waterloo, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Kenneth Russell

HAMILTON — Kenneth M. Russell, 85, died today at 4:40 a.m. in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

He retired in 1972 as a salesman in the advertising department of Fort Wayne Newspapers, and had lived in Hamilton for 17 years. He resided in Fort Wayne for 35 years.

He was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, the Hamilton Lions Club, the Hamilton I.O.O.F. lodge, Summit City Lodge No. 170 of Free and Accepted Masons, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, and the Mizpah Shrine.

He was born Feb. 19, 1904 in Peru, Ind. to the late William and Nellie (Erb) Russell.

He married Ruby G. Hatfield on Sept. 22, 1927 in Peru. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Shirley J. Hetrick of Hamilton; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One brother, Clifford, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A masonic service will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Thursday in the funeral home, at time to be announced. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be given to the Steuben County Heart Association.

M. Roscoe Marshall

GARRETT — M. Roscoe "Red" Marshall, 76, died Saturday at 8:57 a.m. at his rural Garrett home.

Mr. Marshall retired in 1975 after 35 years as a welder and sheet metal worker at General Electric in Fort Wayne. He was a former member of the Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, and was also a member of the AFL-CIO labor union and the Quarter Century Club at General Electric.

He was born Feb. 10, 1913 in Noble County to William and Lennia (Holsinger) Marshall.

On June 28, 1940 he married Lucille Garnire in Atwood Lake, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Beth Ann Taylor of Garrett; one son, Major William Marshall of Central Lake, Mich.; one sister, Mary Heeter of Elkhart; and one grandchild.

Two sisters, Orta Whysong and Maxine Errington, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Lloyd Mealer, pastor of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, will officiate.

Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, near Garrett.

Eugene Schoof

Eugene M. "Porky" Schoof, 59, of rural Auburn died Friday in Topeka, Ind.

He was a retired from his work as a meat packer for Parrot Packing Co., Fort Wayne. He was a Army veteran of the Korean conflict, and a member of the Auburn post of the American Legion. He also was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Mr. Schoof was born March 21, 1929 in Wells County, Ind., to the late Rinehart and Marie (Gallmeyer) Schoof.

Surviving him are two daughters, Marsha A. Robinson of Fort Wayne and Helen M. Robinson of Auburn; four sons, Rick A. Schoof of Auburn, Michael E. Schoof of Hoagland, and Robert D. and Toby J. Schoof, both of Fort Wayne; and 18 grandchildren.

One brother, Ralph, preceded him in death.

Services were today at 2:30 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Heimach Center or the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Hugh Campbell

3-20-1989

FORT WAYNE — Hugh W. Campbell, 66, died Sunday at 6:30 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, where he had been a patient for 17 days.

He was a retired heavy-duty truck parts salesman, and had formerly worked for E.W. Bohren Co. of Woodburn. He had lived in Fort Wayne for 40 years. He was a member of the Butler American Legion.

Mr. Campbell was born April 18, 1922 in Troy Township, DeKalb County, to Byron and Gertrude (Evertts) Campbell Sr. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are one brother, Byron Campbell Jr. of Butler; and two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Camp and Mrs. Doris Guinnup, both of Butler.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Tupps of the Community Bible Church, Butler, officiating. Burial will be in the Eddy Cemetery, rural Hamilton.

Dorothy Krontz

BUTLER — Dorothy Marie Krontz, 31, of 429 Walnut St., Butler, died Monday at her home following a shooting. (See story, page A1.)

She was employed by Mold Service of Butler and was a member of the Butler Nazarene Church.

She was born Aug. 12, 1957 in Auburn. Her father, Norris Richmond, survives in Hudson. Her mother, Shirley (Heckathorn) Boyer, survives in Butler.

Krontz, who survives.

Also surviving are two children, Rebecca and Justin, at home; four brothers, Dennis Richmond, William Richmond, and Steve Richmond, all of Butler, and Tony Boyer of Angola; two sisters, Diana Delle of Colon, Mich., and Teresa Stomm of Angola; and her paternal grandmother, Doris Richmond of Angola.

One sister preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Theron Hanes, pastor of the Butler Nazarene Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the family.

Cassandra Mihalic

Cassandra J. Mihalic, 25, died Monday at 3:16 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She had resided at Glen Oaks Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born Jan. 13, 1964 in Hammond, Ind., to Ronald Mihalic and Judith Dannemann. Her mother and step-father, Judith Dannemann Longacher and Daniel Longacher, survive. Her father preceded her in death.

Also surviving are two brothers, Ronald A. and Michael G. Mihalic, both of Hammond; and three sisters, Lisa K. and Melissa M. Mihalic, both of Hammond, and Robin M. Beardsley of Lake Station, Ind.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling one hour prior to the service. Father F. Thomas Lallak of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Joseph Liss

GARRETT — Joseph G. Liss, 75, died Monday at 2:45 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Liss was retired from Garrett Flexible Products, and was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Eagles and the Elks, all in Garrett.

He was born Aug. 30, 1913 in Garrett to George and Anna (Malek) Liss. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, John and Anthony, and one sister, Mary Liss.

Surviving are two sisters, Wanda McClure of Auburn and Katharine Dreher of Garrett.

Services were today at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Father Gary Sigler officiated.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Friends called Tuesday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service began at 4:30 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Elizabeth Donley

FORT WAYNE — Elizabeth E. Donley, 70, died at 1 p.m. Monday at her residence.

A Volant, Pa., native, she had lived most of her life in Allen County. She was an inspector for Shamban & Company in New Haven.

Surviving are a daughter, Beverly Kerr of Hobart; a son, Barry Donley of Hudson; a brother, Harry M. Grandey of Brazil; and four grandchildren.

Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Preferred memorials are to Woodview Church of God, Fort Wayne.

Geraldine Sparkman

AVILLA — Geraldine Sparkman, 46, of Avilla, died at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday following an auto accident in Garrett on Monday.

She was born in Bolen, Ky., July 5, 1942, the daughter of Beech and Vonnie (Gibson) Handshoe. Her mother survives at LaVerna Terrace, Avilla. On Sept. 20, 1969 in Clintwood, Va., she married Von Sparkman, who also survives.

Mrs. Sparkman, an employee of Burcliff Industries, Garrett, moved to Avilla two years ago from Kentucky. Before that she had lived in Corunna 18 years.

Surviving with her husband and mother are four daughters, Lolita Ann Schrader of Fort Polk, La., Mrs. Kenneth (Vickie) Johnson of Avilla, Mrs. Steven (Pammela) Whitford of Kendallville, and Debra Kay Sparkman, at home; two stepsons, Denver Lee Sparkman and Roger D. Sparkman, both of Kendallville; and three grandchildren.

A son, Charles David Sparkman, preceded her in death.

Services will be in Zion United Baptist Church in Valentine at 1 p.m. Friday, with Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Visitation is after 6 p.m. today until services on Friday at the church, where additional services will be held at 7 p.m. both today and Thursday.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary McNutt

Mary R. McNutt, 78, of South Park Avenue, Auburn, died today at 2:05 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Indian Village Church of God.

She was born July 15, 1910 in Sydney, Ohio, to Clay and Mable (Glasford) Hogan, who preceded her in death.

She married John R. Dickson on March 26, 1927. He preceded her in death March 25, 1963.

She married Lemon McNutt on June 5, 1971. He died in February 1978.

Surviving are three sons, John, Jack, and Ted Dickson, all of Auburn; five daughters, Mrs. Donald (Doris) Ort, Betty Miller, and Mrs. Clarence (Jane) Boger, all of Auburn, Darlyne Griffin of Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. Delmar (Shirley) Greuter of Butler; 35 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

One brother, Lewis Hogan, and two grandchildren also preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Don Dennison, pastor of the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations to her church are preferred.

Crash injuries fatal to woman

GARRETT — An Avilla woman has died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident Monday in Garrett.

Geraldine Sparkman, 46, died Tuesday afternoon in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was injured Monday at 4:45 p.m. at the intersection of Randolph (State Road 327) and Clark streets.

Garrett Police said Mrs. Sparkman was turning left from Clark onto Randolph, when she entered the path of a southbound car. The driver's side of Mr. Sparkman's car was pushed into the center of the passenger compartment by the impact.

The other driver, a Garrett woman, was not seriously injured.

An obituary for Mrs. Sparkman appears on page A8.

Jacob Oliver

ST. JOE — Jacob Jonathon Oliver was stillborn Wednesday at 9:24 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his parents, Thomas and Dawn (Liberty) Oliver of State Road 101, St. Joe and a twin brother, Patrick Wayne Oliver.

Also surviving are maternal grandparents, Richard and Mary Liberty of St. Joe; paternal grandparents, John and Yonda Winter of St. Joe; a maternal great-grandmother, Mildred Woods of St. Joe; a maternal great-grandfather, M.E. Liberty of Tucson, Ariz.; and paternal great-grandparents, John and Elaine Galbreath of Muncie.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Neo-natal Unit of the Intensive Care Unit of Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Anna Ocker

BUTLER — Anna Maye Ocker, 78, died Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. in Meadowhaven Nursing Home, Butler.

Mrs. Ocker had been a resident of the home for seven years. She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 23, 1910 in Butler to James F. and Ollie May (Morehead) Hamman.

She was married to George R. Ocker, who preceded her in death in October 1978.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Betty Olinger of Pleasant Lake.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

A time for her funeral has not been decided. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Wayne Cooley

FORT WAYNE — Wayne V. Cooley, 67, died at 11:37 a.m. Tuesday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

A Noble County native, he had lived most of his life in Fort Wayne. He was a World War II Air Force veteran and a self-employed general contractor.

Surviving are his wife, Anna C. Cooley; his father, Marion Cooley of Kendallville; two daughters, Deborah A. Roberts of Leo, and Marsha J. Cooley of Dallas, Texas; a son, David W. Cooley of Newport News, Va.; three sisters, Bessie Pickard of Auburn, Donna Vance of South Bend, and Vivian Mason of Bowling Green, Ky.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church, 1232 Crescent Ave., with calling one hour before services at the church. Calling also from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Preferred memorials are to the church, American Heart or American Diabetes associations.

Raymond Haynes

GARRETT — Raymond W. Haynes, 74, died Wednesday at 1:35 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Haynes was a lifelong Garrett resident. He retired from the Indiana Department of Highways in 1979, with 31 years of service. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, the Garrett post of the American Legion, the 40 & 8 Club, the State Civil Defense, and the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

He was born May 8, 1914 in Garrett to the late William and Lena (Knott) Haynes.

He married Barbara Krider on June 19, 1955 in Garrett. She died Feb. 1, 1985.

Surviving are two sons, Greg of Garrett and Kenneth of Bowling Green, Ohio, and three grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A masonic service will be Friday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. N. Dale Mendenhall, pastor of the Garrett United Methodist Church, will offciate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Joseph Liss

GARRETT — Joseph G. Liss, 75, died Monday at 2:45 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Liss was retired from Garrett Flexible Products, and was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Eagles and the Elks, all in Garrett.

He was born Aug. 30, 1913 in Garrett to George and Anna (Malek) Liss. His parents and two brothers, John and Anthony, preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sisters, Wanda McClure of Auburn and Katharine Dreher of Garrett.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Father Gary Sigler will officiate.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Mabel Barkdull

FORT WAYNE — Mabel Barkdull, 81, died Sunday morning at St. Joseph Medical Center. She was born in DeKalb County and had lived in Fort Wayne since 1978.

Surviving are a daughter, Betty Jean Van Dyke of Dallas, Texas; and two sisters, Hazel Rhodes of LaOtto, and Bertha Fetters of Butler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and an hour before services. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society.

Frank McCollough

Frank V. McCollough, 86, 813 S. Indiana Avenue, Auburn, died Monday at 12:20 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. McCollough was president and co-owner of McCollough Service Inc. of Auburn.

He was born Feb. 19, 1903 in Butler to Eugene and Minnie McCollough. On June 5, 1924 in Benton Harbor, Mich. he married Wilda M. Diehl. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Leonard R. McCollough of Auburn; three daughters, Erma L. Cool of Auburn, Janet A. Johnson of Huntertown, and Lela R. Dunn of Fort Wayne; one sister, Letha Shaver of Elkhart; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Clara Rose, and two brothers, Clark and Robert McCollough.

Mr. McCollough was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in St. Mark's church. Dr. Clark E. Hobby, pastor of St. Mark's, will officiate.

Friends may call from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association or St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Anna Ocker

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BUTLER — Services for Anna Maye Ocker, 78, will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Mrs. Ocker, 78, died Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. in Meadowhaven Nursing Home, Butler. She had been a resident of the home for seven years.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 23, 1910 in Butler to James F. and Ollie May (Morehead) Hamman.

She was married to George R. Ocker, who preceded her in death in October 1978.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Betty Olinger of Pleasant Lake.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Hershel Wagers

ASHLEY — Hershel R. Wagers, 62, died Sunday at 11:50 p.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

Mr. Wagers was a former Ashley resident. He had worked as a coal miner and did track maintenance for the New York Central Railroad.

He was born July 8, 1926 in Hazzard, Ky. to Samuel and Nora (Fields) Wagers. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his former wife, Donna Wagers of Sedan; three brothers, Hobart Wagers of California, Alford Wagers of Tennessee, and Enoch Wagers of Florida; and one sister, Bessie Terry of South Milford.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Sedan Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. Clark E. Hobby, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, will officiate.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is handling funeral arrangements.

Kenneth Russell

HAMILTON — Services for Kenneth M. Russell, 85, will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

The Rev. Herschel Murray, pastor of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Russell died Monday at 4:40 a.m. in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

He retired in 1972 as a salesman in the advertising department of Fort Wayne Newspapers, and had lived in Hamilton for 17 years. He resided in Fort Wayne for 35 years.

He was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, the Hamilton Lions Club, the Hamilton I.O.O.F. lodge, Summit City Lodge No. 170 of Free and Accepted Masons, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, and the Mizpah Shrine.

He was born Feb. 19, 1904 in Peru, Ind. to the late William and Nellie (Erb) Russell.

He married Ruby G. Hatfield on Sept. 22, 1927 in Peru. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Shirley J. Hetrick of Hamilton; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One brother, Clifford, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home. A masonic service will begin Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be given to the Steuben County Heart Association.

Orpha Baber

AUBURN — Orpha B. Baber, 88, 1012 W. Ensley Ave., Auburn, died Friday at 3 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home here.

She was a lifetime resident of Auburn and retired with 35 years service as manager of the Auburn Electric and Water departments. She was a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church and the Auburn Business and Professional Women's Club.

Mrs. Baber was born Sept. 7, 1900, and she was married Nov. 24, 1920, in Auburn, to William Sherman Baber who preceded her in death on March 3, 1965.

Surviving are one son, Charles M. Baber of Auburn; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Three sisters, Mary, Dessie and Alice, preceded her in death.

Graveside funeral services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, DeKalb C.R. 68 and C.R. 11A, with Rev. Eugene Woolever of the Meese Chapel United Methodist Church officiating.

Visitation is Sunday from 5-9 p.m. at the McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Prefered memorials to the DeKalb County Heart Assciation.

Madeline Zuercher

GARRETT — Madeline C. Zuercher, 80, died Saturday at 11:25 a.m. in Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Zuercher was a former Garrett resident. She worked as a registered nurse from 1930 to 1968 at St. Anne's Hospital in Chicago and Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Emblem Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the Eagles Auxiliary, and the Nurses Association.

She was born July 1, 1908 in Garrett to Thomas and Mary (Schultess) Byanski.

On Jan. 17, 1937, she married Martin Zuercher in Chicago. He preceded her in death March 15, 1963.

Three brothers, Wilbur, Frank, and Robert, and two sisters, Geraldine Greenwalt and Berniece Metker, also preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett. Father Fred Cardinali will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Gerald Steckley

FORT WAYNE — Gerald L. Steckley, 66, died Friday at 8:30 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had been a resident of Willow Ridge Living Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Steckley was a Korean War Army veteran and had worked for Krestes Warehouse in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Garrett post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Jan. 30, 1923 in Williams County, Ohio to Carl and Dessie (Winebar) Steckley. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are one daughter, Diane Perna of North Andover, Mass.; one brother, Ernest C. Steckley of Auburn; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call tonight from 6-9 at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Dr. D.V. Dillinger, pastor of the Auburn Church of Christ, will officiate.

Memorial donations may be sent to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Helen Cary

HAMILTON — Helen Merriett Cary, 86, died at 7:45 a.m. Friday in Cameron Hospital, Angola. She was formerly employed by Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park.

Her husband, Erwin, preceded her in death in November 1986.

Surviving are a son, Lyle Cary of Hamilton; a sister, Violet Bressler of Fort Wayne; two brothers; and three grandchildren.

A son, Robert, preceded her in death in 1946.

There are no services or calling.

Funeral arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Preferred memorials are to Hamilton Fire Department and Steuben County EMS.

Auburn Evening Star Obituaries – Tuesday – March 28, 1989

John F. Ball dies; was nearly age 105

FINAL BIRTHDAY — John F. Ball sampled the frosting on his 104th birthday cake at a party last April in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home, Garrett. He died Monday night. (Star photo by Sheryl Prentice)

GARRETT — John F. Ball, a resident of Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, would have celebrated his 105th birthday on April 7. Plans were already in motion for a special party in his honor.

But Mr. Ball died Monday at 10:45 p.m. at the nursing home, where he had resided for the past three years. He formerly lived at 515 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Mr. Ball, 104, may have been DeKalb County's oldest resident. He was born north of New Cleveland, Ohio, near Ottawa in Putnam County, to Matthias and Henrietta Ball. He was the youngest son and last surviving member of a large family that included eight brothers, four sisters, and two siblings who died in infancy.

He went to a one-room schoolhouse until he was 14, then got a job picking camomile blossoms for tea, which paid 15 cents a day.

Mr. Ball was a farmer for 26 years in Ohio, eventually owning 13 acres on the Auglaize River. He came to Indiana in March 1923, and went to work at the Auburn Automotive Co. He retired at age 71 from the Wholesale Hardware in Auburn.

Square dancing and playing the violin, guitar, and banjo were the passions in Mr. Ball's life. He frequently played for barn dances and parties, often taking a break to dance as well. "We went to the dance for fun. That's the way to have a good time," he said. He said he once walked nine miles to Kendallville for a dance.

The music stopped for him when his wife of eight years suffered a fatal heart attack in 1943. He never touched an instrument again. He had married Josephine Donley on July 10, 1935.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, where he was a member. Father F. Thomas Lallak will officiate. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

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Chester Cox

ALEXANDRIA, Ind. — Chester L. Cox, 76, died Tuesday at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was a resident of Alexandria, where he lived with his wife, Marilyn. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Mabel Scharlene Aborn of Auburn, Judy Hartzell of Anderson, and Barbara Hornback of Middleton, Ind.; and two sons, Harold Cox of Alexandria and Bill Cox of Marion, Ind.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. at Noffze Funeral Home in Alexandria.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Parkview Cemetery, Alexandria.

Rhea Leins

CORUNNA — Rhea Maude Leins, 89, died Wednesday at 9 a.m. in her home at 118 South St., Corunna.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, and its Ladies Aid. She also was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars.

She was born Feb. 22, 1900 in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to the late Purd and Nellie (Brugh) High.

She married John Leins on April 28, 1917. He preceded her in death Feb. 17, 1974.

Surviving are one son, Everett Leins of Corunna; six grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Paul, Carl, and Clifford High, also preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, with calling one hour prior to the service at the church. The Rev. Robert Ebey will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial donations may be given to the Heart Fund.

Elsie Dawson

Elsie O. Dawson, 92, died Wednesday at 12:40 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn. She formerly lived at Hoham Apartments in Auburn.

Mrs. Dawson was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and the Order of Eastern Star in Auburn.

She was born Oct. 24, 1896 in DeKalb County to John and Barbara (Buchle) Weihmuller.

She married Walter W. Dawson in Auburn in 1916. He preceded her in death May 3, 1974.

Surviving are a sister, Viola Dosch, Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, James; six sisters and five brothers.

Services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard, and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Friends may call tonight from 6-9 and Friday from 12 noon-1:30 pm. at the funeral home. An Order of Eastern Star service will begin at 7:30 tonight in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations to St. Mark's Lutheran Church are preferred.

W. Grey Woodcox

GARRETT — W. Grey Woodcox, 92, died Thursday at 1:15 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home.

Mr. Woodcox was a former industrial arts and math teacher in the Garrett schools. He also had taught in the Butler and St. Joe grade schools.

He received his bachelor's degree from Terre Haute Normal and Tri-State University, and he earned a master's degree from Indiana University. He was a World War I Army veteran.

Mr. Woodcox was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church; the oldest member of the Garrett American Legion; a life member of the Garrett Lions Club; and an honorary member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union Auxiliary.

He also belonged to the Retired Teachers Association and the Gideon Society, and was the founder of Boy Scout Troop No. 162 in Garrett.

He was born Oct. 4, 1896 in St. Joe to Cornelius and Emma (Tustison) Woodcox.

On Nov. 24, 1921, he married Evelyn Skelton-Vickes in Waterloo. She preceded him in death Oct. 13, 1987.

One daughter, Leona Woodcox, and two half-brothers, Byron and Josiah Woodcox, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Anna Scheurich of Garrett; a son, Martin Woodcox of Bronson, Mich.; one sister, Mary Louise Olson of Kendallville; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four Vietnamese great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church. The Rev. Dale Mendenhall and the Rev. Summers Clark, pastors of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Ethel Western

Ethel Nimmons Western, 98, of Auburn died Thursday at 9:55 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, where she had been a resident two weeks.

Mrs. Western traveled with the Chautauqua music concerts in the early 1900s. She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, where she served as organist for 25 years. She taught private music lessons for 50 years in Auburn, and was a charter member of the Fort Wayne Organ Guild.

She was born March 30, 1891 in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, to the late Frank and Alnora (Yarlot) Nimmons.

She married Harry J. Western on June 9, 1914 in Butler. He preceded her in death Jan. 28, 1951.

Surviving are two daughters, Pollyanne Western of Tuscon, Ariz., and Nancy Derrow of Auburn; one son, Hugh Western of Auburn; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Lillian, and two brothers, Carl and Rista, also preceded her in death.

Services will Saturday at 1 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. Hoyt Byrum, pastor of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Youth Music Ministry or the Heimach Biblical Gardens of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

George Strawbridge

George W. Strawbridge, 40, of Auburn, died Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Strawbridge was a 1968 graduate of R. Nelson Snider High School, Fort Wayne, and a 1975 graduate of Indiana University. He served in the the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era. He was a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Men.

An Auburn resident since 1972, he was a manager in fleet administration, high value products division, for North American Van Lines since 1975.

He was born March 5, 1949 in Fort Sill, Okla. to John T. and Charlotte G. (Gillie) Strawbridge. His mother preceded him in death in March 1987, while his father survives.

He was married Aug. 22, 1970 in Fort Wayne to Linda L. Lakamp, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Dawn E. Strawbridge, at home; and a brother, John G. Strawbridge, Jackson, Mich.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Auburn First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Doug Anderson and the Rev. Ken Walker, pastors of the church, will officiate.

Friends may call at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m., and at the church Tuesday from 1-2 p.m.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the Indiana University Medical Center Bone Marrow Transplant Division, the United Methodist Church or the Parkview Regional Oncology Center.

Zella Young

LAOTTO — Zella "Ruth" Young, 75, of LaOtto, died Saturday at 4:05 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Aug. 31, 1913 in DeKalb County, the daughter of James and Dolphia (Hauge) Marsh. On Dec. 5, 1935 in Garrett, she married Donald L. Young, who survives.

Mrs. Young, a lifetime area resident, retired as an LPN from Parkview Memorial Hospital in 1972. She was a member of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Surviving with her husband are two sons, Richard Young of Fort Wayne, and Joseph Young of Churubusco; and six grandchildren.

Services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, rural Garrett, with Rev. Michael Smith officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services Wednesday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Katherine Gordon

GARRETT — Katherine S. Gordon, 77, died today at 4 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She was employed by KFS Studio in Garrett for 20 years, and was a lifelong Garrett resident.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a charter member and past president of the DeMolay Mothers Club.

She was born May 23, 1911 in Garrett to the late Frank and Amanda (Smith) DeVeny.

She married John Gordon on July 3, 1932 in Garrett. He survives.

Other survivors are one son, Stephen of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

One son, Kent, and one brother, Charles DeVeny, preceded her in death.

Services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church. The Rev. Dale Mendenhall, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Hazen Sparks will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, Garrett, at a later date.

There are no calling hours. McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

Bruce Ordway

HUDSON — Bruce H. Ordway, 70, died Friday at 8:16 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

A former Auburn resident, he was born April 18, 1918 in Putnam County, Ohio to Harvey A. and Hallie (Sohlke) Ordway.

He retired in 1983 with 23 years of service at Indiana Bell Telephone. He was a lifetime member of Pioneers of America. He also was a lifetime farmer. A family member said his farm and his grandchildren were very important to Mr. Ordway.

He married Virginia Materna on June 23, 1973. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lucille M. Ordway, Auburn; two sons, Maurice C. Ordway, Auburn; and Lowell D. Ordway, Hudson; two stepdaughters, Anita K. Maier and Roberta N. Ives, Rochester, N.Y.; one stepson, John A. Ferrari, Ortonville, Mich.; a brother, Wallace Ordway, Defiance, Ohio; two sisters, Annie Ridenour, Ottawa, Ohio; and Ruby Smith, Continental, Ohio; six grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren, and one stepgreat-granddaughter.

Three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Eli Zarro, of Souls Harbor Church, Auburn, officiating.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m., and Tuesday from 11 a.m. until the service.

Burial will be in the Harlan Cemetery.

Betty Sheets

COLUMBIA CITY — Betty A. Sheets, 61, of Route 8, Bair Road, Columbia City, died at 6:50 a.m. Sunday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since Feb. 25.

She was born Aug. 14, 1927 in Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, the daughter of Dewey and Mildred (Bair) Herron. Her mother survives in Columbia City. On June 22, 1947, she married Eldon E. "Bud" Sheets, who also survives.

Mrs. Sheets had lived in Tri Lakes most of her life and graduated from Columbia City High School. She was formerly employed by Whitley Products and Precision Plastics. She was a member of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church and its WSCS, and served on the board of directors of Camp Lakewood. She had been a volunteer at the Opportunity Center and was a former member of Etna Rebekah Lodge and Thorncreek Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

Surviving with her husband and mother are a daughter, Mrs. David (Gloria Marlene) Didion of Garrett; five sons, Buddy Eugene, Dewey Dean, John Gene and Harold Delene Sheets, all of Columbia City, and Jerry Lene Sheets of Route 4, Albion; two sisters, Mrs. Raymond (Barbara) Sanderson of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Ronald (Adabell) Hile of Columbia City; a brother, Tim W. Herron of Columbia City; and 16 grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Smith & Son Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Rev. Carl Arthur and Rev. Berniece Herr officiating. Burial will be in St. Matthew's Cemetery.

Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. today and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Camp Lakewood.

Ray Kelsey

WILSHIRE, Ohio — Ray H. Kelsey Jr., 68, died Saturday at 7:43 p.m. in Van Wert Hospital, Van Wert, Ohio.

He was the father of Bruce L. Kelsey of Auburn.

He had been a patient there for two weeks. He died unexpectedly after surgery. He was a resident of Wilshire, Ohio.

Mr. Kelsey retired in 1982 as a welder with Almet of New Haven. At the time of his death, he worked part-time at Foster Welding in Monroeville.

He was a member of the Countryside Church of the Nazarene of Bryn, Ohio.

He was born Dec. 24, 1920 in Toledo, Ohio to Ray H. Kelsey, who is deceased, and Gladys (Gill) Billieu, also deceased.

On June 8, 1940, he married Berniece L. Pond in Van Wert County, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Ronald L. Kelsey of Fort Wayne, Jerry A. Kelsey of Berne, and Bruce L. Kelsey of Auburn; one daughter, Louise R. Vanover of Wilshire; three sisters; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

One son, David, preceded him in death in 1956.

Friends may call Tuesday from 1-9 p.m. (Indiana time) in Zwick, Seston, and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. Burial will be in Wilshire Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be donated to the American Lung Association or Gideons International.

Esther Yowell

Esther Malinda Yowell, 76, died Saturday at 3 a.m. in her home at 1910 S. Wayne St., Auburn.

She had been employed by the Auburn Rubber Co., Glen Oaks Nursing Home, and DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of the past chiefs of the Pythian Sisters in Auburn.

She was born March 1, 1913 in Ossian, Ind., to Christopher and Hazel (Wagner) Burns.

On Nov. 26, 1938 she married Remelius L. "Bud" Yowell in Waterloo. He preceded her in death on July 27, 1975.

One son, Richard E. Yowell, four brothers, and one sister also preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Sheridan Yowell of Auburn; three daughters, Roelene Dickson of Auburn, Roberta Yowell of Auburn, and Ethel Freed of Waterloo; two sisters, Adleade Myers and Almeada Brown, both of Butler, and 10 grandchildren.

Friends may call Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Jim Gillette, pastor of the Corunna United Brethren Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Vera Kruse

LIGONIER — Vera I. Kruse, 72, died Friday at 3 p.m. in the Kenney Retirement Community, Ligonier.

A former resident of Wolf Lake, she retired from Messenger Corp. of Auburn in 1979. She was a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion.

She was born July 23, 1911 in Maples, Ind. to Jesse and Anna (Wells) Allen.

She was married May 13, 1939 in Garrett to Harold Kruse, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Jo Kruse, Fort Wayne; and Jane Holben, Auburn; a son, John Kruse, Fort Wayne; two brothers, Keith Allen, Fort Wayne; and Paul Allen, Minnesota; two sisters, Beth Firestine, and Connie Goodman, both of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., in the funeral home with the Rev. Donald Richter, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion, and the Rev. Dr. Clark Hobby, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, officiating.

Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

George Rentz

George W. Rentz, 83, 214 Totem Place, Auburn, died at 2 p.m. Sunday in his home.

Mr. Rentz was born Aug. 13, 1905 to J. William and Emma N. (Huck) Rentz of Peru, Ind. From 1933 to 1963, he was a florist in Decatur.

On June 20, 1929, he married Marjorie E. Kesling in Peru. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mary O. Hunt of North Richland Hills, Texas; Jane A. Miller of Springfield, Ohio; and Anita M. Kinzer of Auburn; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Doty of Marion, and Miriam Seibl of Largo, Fla.; one brother, Norman V. Rentz of Plymouth; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

One grandchild and one great-grandchild preceded him in death.

Mr. Rentz was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church. Most recently, he was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hudson.

Arrangements for a memorial service and burial are pending.

Margaret Cook

NEWHALL, Calif. — Margaret Lake Cook, 86, died March 28 at Newhall, Calif. She and her family had lived in the Auburn area for many years.

She was born in Spencerville, Ind. to William O. and Francena (Rhoads) Lake on Nov. 4, 1902.

She married John W. Cook of Delhi, La. in 1929. He preceded her in death in May 1982.

Surviving are two sisters, Ellen Hart of Spencerville, and Esther Cook of Sylmar, Calif.; four daughters, Marlene Cornell of Auburn, Joan Beers of Huntington Beach, Calif.; Donna Bradberry of Moscow, Idaho; and Carol Stanley of Valencia, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held March 30 at Eternal Valley in Newhall. Phil Wall, of the Church of Christ at Fillmore, Calif., officiated.

Justin O'Rourke

ORLANDO, Fla. — Justin Patrick O'Rourke, age 18 months, died Monday in Orlando, Fla. from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

He was born Oct. 10, 1987 in Orlando, the son of Justin D. O'Rourke and Vickie Heffley O'Rourke. His mother is a former Auburn resident.

Also surviving are maternal grandparents, Jerry and Clodine Heffley, Auburn; maternal great-grandparents, Ray and Maxine Heffley, Auburn, and Omar and Vera Webb, Auburn; a great-great grandmother, Reva Houser, Butler; and paternal grandparents, Pat O'Rourke of New York, and Jack and Fran O'Rourke of California.

Services will be Thursday in Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, 994 E. Altamont Drive, Altamont Springs, Fla.

Grace Rose

WOLCOTTVILLE — Grace Rose, 84, of Route 3, Wolcottville, died at 12:35 p.m. Monday in LaGrange Hospital. She had been ill since February.

Born in Jackson County, Ky., on April 8, 1904, she was the daughter of John and Molly (Cumberland) Hale. On Oct. 2, 1923, she married Walter E. Rose, who preceded her in death in 1972.

Mrs. Rose moved from Bloomington, Ill., to the Wolcottville area in 1930 and retired from the Lazy Susan in 1970.

Surviving are three daughters, Helen Ream of Huntsville, Ala., Judith Baird of Ligonier, and Beulah Grate of Corunna; a son, Earl Rose Sr. of Wolcottville; a brother, Jack Hale of Kendallville; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A son, Donald Rose, preceded her in death in 1984.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with Rev. Billy Fields of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Heart Fund.

Grant Klein

Grant A. Klein, 35, died Tuesday afternoon at his home in Auburn.

He was a sales representative for Echlin Manufacturing for the past 11 years. He was a graduate of DeKalb High School and Indiana Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

He was born May 9, 1953 in Logansport, Ind. to John and Gloria Klein. They survive in Auburn.

He married Mary Ann Capen in May 1975. She also survives in Auburn.

Other survivors include five brothers, Jeffrey of Honolulu, Steven of Waterloo, and Kevin, Fritz, and Bruce G., all of Auburn; one sister, Margaret Ann Klein of Fort Wayne; a maternal grandmother, Teresa Klein of Logansport; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Thursday from 6-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Father F. Thomas Lallak of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Cora Roberts
George Roberts

George Allen Roberts, 79, and his wife, Cora A. Roberts, 75, both died Wednesday.

Mr. Roberts died at 2:45 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Roberts died at 8:20 p.m. in the couple's home at 1499 S. Dallas St., Auburn.

Mr. Roberts was born Sept. 17, 1910 in Lee County, Va., the son of the late Charles and Leannie Virginia (Oaks) Roberts. He retired from the Auburn Foundry in 1972.

Mrs. Roberts was born Oct. 7, 1913 in Jonesville, Va., the daughter of the late William and Magie (Carroll) Marcum. She retired as an employee of DeKalb Memorial Hospital in 1975.

They were married June 16, 1934 in Jonesville, Va.

One daughter, Loretta Hall of Auburn, survives. A son, Neil, preceded his parents in death. Ten grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Roberts is survived by two brothers, Bill Roberts of Pennington Gap, Va., and Jessie Roberts of Washington, D.C.; three sisters, Opal Kleineck of Pekin, Ind., Zona Gunn of Dryden, Va., and Gracie Collins of Akron, Ohio. One sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

Mrs. Roberts is survived by one brother, Pete Marcum of Jonesville, Va.; and two sisters, Lou Petite and Carrie Ringley, both of Pennington Gap, Va. Two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services for the couple will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Don Dennison, pastor of Indian Village Church of God, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

LaVina Ferguson

LaVina E. Ferguson, 58, died Wednesday at 7 a.m. in her home on County Road 36-A, Auburn.

She had been employed at OmniSource Standard Iron and Metal Division in Auburn since 1979.

She was born April 13, 1930 to Filo Snyder and Cora (Myers) O'Dell. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Lansing, Mich.

On Aug. 12, 1950 she married James E. Ferguson in Auburn First United Methodist Church. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Dennis James Ferguson of Auburn; two daughters, Lisa Denise Ferguson and Holly G. Ferguson, both of Auburn; two brothers, Maurice Bacon of Beaver Creek, Ohio and William Edward Charleston of California; two sisters, Joy Thompson of Fort Wayne and Vesta Ferguson of Morrow, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

One brother and two sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 3-5 and 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Robert Ebey, pastor of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Heart Fund or the Preschool for the Handicapped in Auburn.

Frederick Trapp

ANGOLA — Frederick Joseph Trapp, 62, died Thursday at 5:30 a.m. in the Angola Nursing Home. He had lived there since 1975.

Mr. Trapp was a former resident of Ashley, and a former employee of the Sheltered Workshop at Angola.

He was born March 13, 1927 in Bucyrus, Ohio to Adam T. and Magdlena (Richter) Trapp.

Surviving is one brother, Lawrence Trapp of Ashley. Another brother, Richard, preceded him in death.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, north of Waterloo, where Mr. Trapp was a member. Father Eugene Zimmerman, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will begin at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be directed to masses at the church.

Grant Klein

Services for Grant A. Klein, 35, will be Friday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Friends may call tonight from 6-9 at the funeral home.

Mr. Klein died Tuesday afternoon at his home in Auburn.

He was a sales representative for Echlin Manufacturing for the past 11 years. He was a graduate of DeKalb High School and Indiana-Purdue Universities at Fort Wayne.

He was born May 9, 1953 in Logansport, Ind. to John and Gloria Klein. They survive in Auburn.

He married Mary Ann Capen in May 1975. She also survives in Auburn.

Other survivors include five brothers, Jeffrey of Honolulu, Steven of Waterloo, and Kevin, Fritz, and Bruce G., all of Auburn; one sister, Margaret Ann Klein of Fort Wayne; a maternal grandmother, Teresa Grant of Logansport; and several nieces and nephews.

Father F. Thomas Lallak, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, will officiate at Friday's services. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Geraldine VanDercar

Geraldine M. "Jeri" VanDercar, 78, died today at 4:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a 40-year resident of Auburn and lived at 304 W. Tenth St.

Mrs. VanDercar had been involved with the William A. Heimach Senior Center since its inception, 11 years ago. She was on the original committee that established the center, served as chairwoman for the personnel committee, and was a member of the ways and means trip committee.

She also was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and its Ruth Circle women's group. She was granted an honorary membership in the Presbyterian Women's Association in 1979.

She was the mayor's appointment to the DeKalb County Council on Aging board of directors and was a member of the DeKalb County Senior Citizens.

She was born Aug. 16, 1910 in Concord Township, Elkhart County, to Alva and Josephine Myers.

On Aug. 16, 1946 she married Bert VanDercar. He preceded her in death Dec. 3, 1973.

One sister, Adrian Myers, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Bert VanDercar of Boise, Idaho; one daughter, Judy Smyjunas of Nashua, N.H.; two grandchildren, J. Robert Smyjunas and Elizabeth Smyjunas of Muncie; and one nephew, Joseph Lee Myers.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the William A. Heimach Center. The Rev. Hoyt Byrum, pastor of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

Graveside services will be Saturday morning in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. The Rev. Byrum will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Auburn Presbyterian Church or the William A. Heimach Center.

Lucille Simon

CHURUBUSCO — Lucille Simon, 90, of Churubusco, died Thursday at 3:55 p.m. in Whitley County Hospital, Columbia City.

Mrs. Simon worked as a sales clerk in several Fort Wayne stores. She also worked at the former Allen County Home (now the Byron Health Center). She was a member of the Ari Church of God in Allen County. She and her husband lived in Allen County until 1968, when they moved to Churubusco.

She was born July 27, 1898 in Noble County to Elam and Cora (McCurdy) Beard.

She was married July 8, 1916 to Don Simon, who preceded her in death June 26, 1976.

Surviving are, a daughter, Mrs. Otis (Valda) Brown, Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mrs. Ilene Porter, Garrett and Mrs. Lela Wilkinson of Michigan; three grandchildren, including Nancy McNabb of DeKalb County, and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Donald Jr. and Maurice Lee.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Services will be in the funeral home Sunday at 2 p.m. The Rev. Gerald Youtz and Rev. Verlin Rice, of the Ari Church of God, will officiate. Burial will be in the Huntertown Cemetery.

Justin O'Rourke

ORLANDO, Fla. — Justin Patrick O'Rourke, age 18 months, died April 3 in Orlando, Fla. from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

He was born Oct. 10, 1987 in Orlando, the son of Justin D. and Vickie (Heffley) O'Rourke. His mother is a former Auburn resident.

His parents would appreciate hearing from friends. Their address is 1204 Lake Lucerne Circle, Winter Springs, Fla. 32708.

George Rentz

STROH — A memorial service and burial for George W. Rentz will be Saturday.

Mr. Rentz, of Auburn, died April 2.

Interment will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Prince of Peace Cemetery, near Stroh.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, also near Stroh.

Memorial donations may be given to the church building fund.

Elmore Congleton

Elmore Congleton, 72, of 904 Ruth St., Auburn, died Tuesday at 2:25 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He retired in 1981 after 30 years of service in the maintenance department at Ball Brass, Auburn. He also was a foster parent to numerous children.

He was born Feb. 28, 1917 in Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Claude and Hazel (Everett) Congleton.

He married Annabelle L. Holtry in 1950 in Kinderhook, Mich. She preceded him in death Feb. 9, 1979.

Surviving are two sons, Teddy R. Congleton of Auburn and Vernon Holtry of Flint, Mich.; two daughters, Carolyn Butts of Greenville, S.C., and Truly Wolfe of Waterloo; three brothers, Oral and Bill Congleton, both of Hicksville, and Harry Congleton of Toledo; three sisters, Babe Eagleson and Helen Rudasill, both of Ohio, and Ruth Stuart of Hicksville; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Edward R. Hughes officiating. Burial will be in Tamarack Cemetery, rural Auburn. Memorial gifts may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Raymond Cool

GARRETT — Raymond P. Cool, 77, of Leesburg, Fla., died Dec. 25, 1988 in Estes, Fla.

Graveside memorial services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery. Garrett McKee Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

A former Auburn resident, Mr. Cool moved to Florida in 1981. He retired in 1973 from Montgomery Ward with 22 years of service. He was the former owner of two taverns, The Hangar in Auburn and The Brass Rail in Tampa, Fla.

He was a member of Moose lodges in Auburn and Florida.

He was born March 31, 1911 in Auburn to the late Thomas and Bessie (Treesh) Cool.

He married Doris Thomas on Oct. 26, 1932 in Coldwater, Mich. She survives.,

Also surviving are two daughters, Shirley Alles of Fort Wayne and Sandra Bogema of Vicksburg, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

One brother, Harold, preceded him in death.

Nevin Good

LAGRANGE — Nevin Good, 83, of Miller's Merry Manor, died there at 12:52 p.m. Thursday following a long illness.

He was born Feb. 12, 1906 in Noble County, the son of Bruce and Byrd (Forker) Good. His first wife, Charlotte, died in 1950, and his second wife, Elizabeth Bartels, whom he married Feb. 9, 1952, died July 9, 1987. He was retired from Rieke Corporation in Auburn and was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

Surviving are a daughter, Phyllis Call of Columbia City; a son, Jerry Collins of Palm Desert, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Glenn (Marjorie) Wilhelm of LaGrange; two stepsons, Richard and Melvin Bartels, both of Pierce, Ariz.; a sister, Gladys Coleman of Kendallville; three grandchildren; and 12 stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Rev. Lowell Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Dale Byerley
Timothy Byerley

CHURUBUSCO — Two brothers, Dale L. Byerley, 25, and Timothy A. Byerley, 23, who had lived most of their lives in the Churubusco and Avilla area, were killed April 10 in an accident. The accident occurred when their pickup truck collided with a parked semi-trailer truck south of Fort Worth, Texas.

The men were born in Fort Wayne and lived in this area until moving to Lakewood, Colo., several years ago. They were commercial dry-wallers for Complete Maintenance Inc. in Lakewood.

Surviving are their mother and stepfather, Nancy and Roger Ditmars of Auburn; three sisters, Loraine Ditmars of Fort Wayne, Teresa Taylor of Lakewood, and Tina Byerley of Auburn; and a grandmother, Bessie A. Smith of Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the home of Paul Byerley, at Byerley's Lake, Hopewell Road, Avilla. Burial will be in Bel River Cemterey in Allen County.

Local arrangements are by Sheets Funeral Home, 206 N. Main St., Churubusco.

Francis Schortgen

WATERLOO — Francis M. Schortgen, 60, died Sunday at 7 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Schortgen lived on County Road 39 (Old U.S. 27), north of Waterloo. He was a lifetime Smithfield Township farmer and formerly a mechanic and parts manager at the G.C. Lepley auto dealership in Ashley.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and was a member of the American Legion. He also was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, near his home north of Waterloo.

He was born Oct. 16, 1928 in Hamilton to Carl and Caroline (Shoudell) Schortgen.

He was married July 25, 1959 in Fort Wayne to Helen Tescula, who survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Bernard Schortgen, Waterloo, two nieces and a nephew.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-9 p.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted in the funeral home at 7 p.m.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father Matthew Lang officiating.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be directed to masses at the church.

Violet Elkins

STROH — Violet I. Elkins, 71, of Stroh, died at 7:50 a.m. today in Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

She was born in Elmira, Feb. 21, 1918, the daughter of George W. and Dorothy (Getz) Emerick. She first married Floyd Day, who preceded her in death in 1965. Her second husband, Gordon Elkins, died in 1977.

Mrs. Elkins, a lifetime area resident, had been employed by Essex Wire for many years and was a member of Stroh Church of God.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Grove of Stroh; two sons, Robert Day of Angola, and Vernie Elkins of North Carolina; a sister, Adeline Donley of Kendallville; three brothers, Richard Emerick of Story Lake, George Emerick of Stroh, and Maynard Emerick of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Phil Crubaugh officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials will be to the American Cancer Society.

Gertrude Duncan

ASHLEY — Gertrude P. "Pat" Duncan, 75, died Saturday at 6:40 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was born Jan. 19, 1914 to Cecil and Ruth (Beavers) Boyd.

She was married to Robert Duncan, who preceded her in death Dec. 31, 1983.

She was a homemaker who had lived in Ashley the past several years.

Surviving are a brother, Richard Boyd, Montpelier, Ohio; two sisters, Enid Marckel and Glenis Wickham, both of Coldwater, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will be in the funeral home Tuesday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Doug Davies, of Pleasant Lake, officiating.

Burial will be in the Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Ashley Masonic Lodge.

Effie Miller

ASHLEY — Effie G. Miller, 89, of Fort Wayne, and formerly of Ashley, died at 9:42 a.m. Saturday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She was born in DeKalb County Sept. 17, 1899. On Dec. 22, 1919, she married Paul M. Miller, who survives. Mrs. Miller moved from Ashley to Fort Wayne March 1.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters, Mrs. Wayne (Betty) Bowser of Cameron, Wis., Mrs. Albert (Donna) Northway of Fairfield Glade, Tenn., and Mrs. Robert (Shirley) Kugler of Fort Wayne; two sons, Kenneth Miller of Hardenville, Mo., and Jim Miller of Pleasant Lake; 20 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson, with Rev. George R. Caruso of Bethal United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Alexandria Cumings

ST. JOE — Alexandria Nicole Cumings, age one month, died in her home Monday at noon due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

She was born March 11, 1989 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital to Donald R. and Ronni (Lynn) Cumings Jr., 210 Jefferson St., St. Joe. They survive.

Also surviving are one brother, Richard R., at home; paternal grandparents, Donald Cumings Sr. of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mary and Michael Harden of St. Joe; maternal grandparents, Michael Lynn of Indianapolis, and Roy and Diane Kunce of Angola; paternal great-grandparents, Arthur J. Cumings of Grant, Mich. and Marcile Saylor of Fort Wayne; and a maternal great-grandmother, Juanita Mack of Butler.

Friends may call Thursday at 10 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Association.

Thomas Hurns

Thomas E. Hurns, 96, died today at 4 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

For the past eight months, he lived at 1304 Walker Court, Auburn. He previously lived in Bloomfield Hills and Farmington Hills, Mich.

He retired in 1958 after serving as the vice-president and secretary of the Detroit Edison Corp.

He was born April 4, 1893 in Roby, Ind. to Thomas and Rosa (Rauh) Hurns.

His wife, Zereta, preceded him in death in 1980.

Surviving are two granddaughters, Patricia Koeppe, Auburn, and Carole Korneffel, and eight great-grandchildren.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo is handling local arrangements.

Friends may call today from 7-9 p.m. at the Goodhart-Tomlinson Funeral Home, in Keego Harbor, Mich.

Services will be at the funeral home Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Burial will be in the White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, Mich.

Myrl 'Bus' Stafford

NEW HAVEN — Myrl D. "Bus" Stafford, 72, died Wednesday at 8:04 p.m. in his home in New Haven.

Mr. Stafford was an Auburn native. He retired in 1982 from the maintenance department at Indiana-Purdue Universities at Fort Wayne. He was a World War II army veteran.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Fort Wayne, the American Legion in Auburn, and the Eagles Lodge in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 17, 1916 in Auburn to the late James F. and Dora E. (Shields) Stafford.

Surviving him are four brothers, Walter of Fort Wayne, Robert of Auburn, M. Gene of Waterloo, and Paul of New Haven; and two sisters, Ruth Lee of New Haven and Wilma Shock of Clarksville, Ind.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. George Schoonmaker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fort Wayne, officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the DeKalb High School Athletic Department.

Hallie Worman

Hallie E. Worman, 87, of Auburn died Thursday at 4:23 a.m. in her daughter's home.

A homemaker, she had formerly lived in Fort Wayne. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, and a charter member of the Bar None Saddle Club.

She was born Dec. 9, 1902 in Monroeville to the late William and Vallia (Baxter) Carrier.

She married Carl J. Worman in December of 1924 in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one son, Carl J. Worman Jr. of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Joyce Brown of Fort Wayne and Mary Dolby of Auburn; 15 grandchildren, including James A. Worman of Auburn; 34 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in D.O. McComb Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dr. Clark E. Hobby, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Margaret Burch

ANGOLA — Margaret A. Burch, 58, of Route 5, Angola, died Thursday morning in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 18, 1930 in Waterloo, the daughter of George and Helen (Reed) DeLong. On Aug. 16, 1950 in Angola, she married Wendell Burch, who survives. She was a member of Hamilton Church of Christ.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, Debra Walkup of Kendallville, and Linda Hagaman of Angola; a son, Robert Burch of Angola; three brothers, Robert DeLong of Bryan, Ohio, George DeLong of Waterloo, and James DeLong of Fort Wayne; and one granddaughter.

Three brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Wilson Funeral Home, Hamilton, with Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe of Pleasant View Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

Preferred memorials are to American Lung Association and Parkview I.C.U.

Roberta Warber

OVERLAND PARK, Kansas — Roberta J. Warber, 65, Lenexa, Kansas, died at 1:15 a.m. Friday in Humana Hospital here.

She had been ill for three weeks.

Born Sept. 6, 1923, in Garrett, Ind., she was the daughter of Burr and Anna (Bass) Wineland. She married Marvin Warber in Kendallville on March 31, 1951. He survives.

She was employed as a railroad clerk with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad and a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lenexa.

Surviving with her husband are two sons, Kimbrough Warber of Miami, Fla., and Craig Warber of Olathe, Kansas; two brothers, William Wineland of Kendallville, and Joseph Wineland of Avilla; one sister, Mrs. George (Evelyn) Sayer of Excelsior, Minn.; and one grandchild.

Private services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with Rev. Dean Bearman, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, officiating.

There is no visitation.

Hite Funeral in Kendallville is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Rev. Alvis Banks

The Rev. Alvis Banks, 57, died Sunday at 2:55 a.m. in his Auburn home.

He was pastor of the Free Bible Tabernacle in Altona, and worked as a foreman for Foley Pattern Co. of Auburn. He had been an Auburn resident since 1953.

He was born Jan. 29, 1932 in Letcher, Ky. to B. and Georgia (Brock) Banks. They preceded him in death.

On Aug. 4, 1951, he married Geneva Gilley in Letcher, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Allen Banks of Auburn and Gary Banks of St. Joe; one daughter, Janet Tuxhorn of Edwardsburg, Mich.; three brothers, Stanley Banks of Avilla, J.C. Banks of Auburn, and R.V. Banks of Garrett; four sisters, Lorine Feightner and Shirley Hunter, both of Fort Wayne, Irene Johnson of Jackson, Ky., and Helen Terry of Kendallville; and seven grandchildren.

One son, Madison Banks, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles F. Witt Sr. will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Elsie Lothamer

HICKSVILLE,Ohio — Elsie J. Lothamer, 78, died Saturday at 11:46 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been a patient since April 13.

Mrs. Lothamer resided at 01274 Spencerville Road, Hicksville. She had been an employee at Syncro Corp. in Hicksville, and was retired from Partee Co. in Spencerville, Ind.

She was a member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville.

She was born May 10, 1910 in Allen County, Ind., to the late Joseph and Amelia (Guinnen) Monnier.

She married Frances Lothamer on Nov. 11, 1928 in Allen County, Ind. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Wayne of Paulding, Ohio; Wilbur of New Haven, Gerald of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, and Norman of Leo; five daughters, Arlene Goeltzenleuchter of Antwerp, Ohio; LaDonna Baker of Spencerville, Ind.; Linda Adams and Carol Lemper, both of Hicksville, and Judy Kitchen of Butler; four brothers, Ralph and Bernard Monnier, both of New Haven, and Elmer and Roger Monnier, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Ethel Shaner of Fort Wayne, Lucille Robbins of Sturgis, Mich., and Ruth Miller of Willshire, Ohio; 33 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Two grandchildren and three brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call today after 2 p.m. (Ohio time) and Tuesday after 8 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. A prayer service will be today at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville, with Father Thomas Ankenbrandt officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial donations may be directed to the American Dinbetes Association or to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Ann VanZile

KALONA, Iowa — Ann (Ayers) VanZile, 53, of Kalona, died April 11 at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City, following a long illness.

Mrs. VanZile was a native of Ashley, where she was born Aug. 1, 1935 to Pierce and Martha (Miller) Ayers. They survive in Angola.

She graduated from beauty technical school and married Berton VanZile on Oct. 26, 1957 in Metz, Ind. He survives in Kalona.

Also surviving are one son, Paul of Angola; two daughters, Jacqueline VanZile of Kalona and Julie Ranshaw of Tiffan, Iowa; two brothers, George and Roger Ayers, both of Angola; and one grandson.

She was employed as a housekeeper at Canterbury Inn in Coralville, Iowa for the past 12 years. She was a member of the Frytown Church of Christ.

Her funeral was April 15 at Peterseim Chapel in Kalona. Burial was in Frytown Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made

Howard Householder

ALBION — Howard D. Householder, 67, Route 2, Albion, died around 7 a.m. today at his residence.

Born Jan. 19, 1922, he was the son of Fred and Iva (Stark) Housholder. On April 17, 1948, he married Doris Fulk at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla. She survives.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Householder retired from General Electric, Fort Wayne, in 1984 after 42 years.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, the Quarter Century Club at General Electric, American Legion 240, was past president of Noble County Association for Retarded Citizens, a director of Farmers Mutual Insurance, Avilla, and a director for Green Township Community Center.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Joan Householder of Albion; five sons, Charles Householder of Fort Wayne, Clifford Householder, Dennis Householder, Michael Householder and Rex Householder of Albion; three sisters, Wilma Weber of Bremen, Loretta Weber of Avilla and Maxine Peterson of Albion; two brothers, Karl Housholder of Wolcottville and Donald Housholder of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a son, Craig Allen Householder, in 1955, and a sister, Helen Housholder, in 1927.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to service at the church.

The family requests memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church or the Noble County Training Center.

Elizabeth Herendeen

KENDALLVILLE — Elizabeth J. Herendeen, 67, died Wednesday at 3:13 p.m. in her Kendallville home.

She had resided in Kendallville since 1987. She previously lived in Garrett for 23 years and in Fort Wayne for 20 years.

Mrs. Herendeen was a graduate of St. Francis College in Fort Wayne with a master's degree in education. She had been an elementary teacher in the Fort Wayne Community Schools.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

She was born June 18, 1921 in Kendallville to Andrew and Rozella (Marti) Ryback. Her mother, now Rozella Marsh, survives in Kendallville. Her father preceded her in death.

In August 1939 she married Lloyd George Herendeen in Kendallville. He preceded her in death May 20, 1961.

Surviving are one daughter, Sandra Barnes of Fort Wayne; one son, Howard Herendeen of Akron, Ohio; one brother, Richard Marsh of Muncie; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 and Friday from 2-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. James Moore, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Garrett, will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Nola Travis

LOUISVILLE, Ohio — Nola "LaVerne" Tyson Travis, 69, died Wednesday evening at her home in Louisville after a long illness.

She was the sister of Dorothy Fetters of St. Joe and Laura Hart of Spencerville.

She retired from the Coldwater Regional Center in Coldwater, Mich. in 1981. She had resided in the Hillsdale, Quincy, and Rose Lake areas in Michigan before recently moving to Louisville.

She was born Nov. 23, 1919 in Williams County, Ohio to the late Harry and Flotilla (Otis) Reas.

Her first husband was Leo Tyson, who preceded her in death Aug. 29, 1982. She married Richard Travis in 1987. He survives.

In addition to her husband and sisters, she is survived by one daughter, Judy Panning of Louisville; one son, Jerry Tyson of Saline, Mich.; two brothers, Weldon Reas of Monroeville, Ind., and Walter Reas, of Englewood, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 7-9 p.m. in Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater, Mich.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dennis Rowe, pastor of the East Ovid United Brethren Church, officiating. Burial will be in Lockwood Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Memorial donations may be given to the Branch County Hospice program.

Lloyd Beckberger

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Lloyd H. Beckberger, 79, died at his home in Phoenix, Ariz., Tuesday from a heart attack.

He was born in DeKalb County Oct. 4, 1909. He married Pauline Shipe, who survives. He and his wife farmed in the Kendallville area for many years until 1976 when they retired and moved to Phoenix.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Robert Beckberger, and a daughter, Connie Owen, both of Phoenix; a sister, Hildred Moser; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Bonnie Sage, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Mercer Mortuary, Phoenix, with final services pending.

April Havert

ST. JOE — April Dawn Havert, infant daughter of Tim and Lorie Havert of St. Joe, died Wednesday at 1:07 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. She survived 12 hours after her birth on Tuesday, April 25.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a half-sister, Amanda Havert of Albion; her maternal grandparents, Henry and Edith Woods of Spencerville; and her paternal grandparents, Jim and Cathy Havert of Rome City.

Graveside services were today at 1 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

Auburn Evening Star Obituaries – Monday –May 1, 1989

Raymond 'Ray' King

Raymond "Ray" King, 89, died today at 1:50 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where he had resided since June 1985.

He was retired from farming in the County Line Road area south of Auburn.

He was born Aug. 18, 1899 in Decatur, Ind., to the late Homer and Ella (Rumple) King.

He married Minnie Henschen on June 24, 1920 in Fort Wayne. She preceded him in death Feb. 3, 1985.

Surviving are one son, Reynold King of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; one daughter, Mrs. Aden (Opal) Carper of Auburn; one sister, Edith Enyart of Peru, Ind.; nine grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Al Black, pastor of the County Line Church of God, will officiate. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

Murray Emerick

LEO — Murray J. Emerick, 88, of Leo died Sunday at 6:42 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1967 as an inspector for Bowser Inc., with 47 years of service.

He was born Aug. 9, 1900 in Allen County. His father was Judson Emerick.

He married Susie Stark on Oct. 28, 1962 in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Other survivors are one son, Porter of Key Largo, Fla.; two stepdaughters, Doloris Hess of Fort Wayne and Mary Roth of Auburn; one brother, Arthur of Auburn; two grandchildren; and six stepgrandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Rev. Don Wunrow officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be given to the Allen County Heart Association or to the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Ervin Reed

LAGRANGE — Ervin E. Reed, 76, died Saturday at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. Indiana time) in Brunson Hospital, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Reed had been a resident of Route 1, Royer Lake, LaGrange for the past five years. Previously, he had lived at DeKalb County Roads 64 and 7, south of Garrett.

He retired in 1978 from the Fort Wayne Foundry, where he had worked for five years. He had also worked at the Midwest Foundry in Garrett.

Mr. Reed was a member of the Garrett–Presbyterian Church and the Civilian Conservation Corps.

He was born Jan. 25, 1913 in Allen County to John Calvin and Anna C. (Myers) Reed.

On Aug. 7, 1937 he married Martha Greenawalt in Shenandoah, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, John L. Reed of Fort Wayne; two daughters Judith Ann Kleeman of Garrett and Marilyn McNall of Beech Grove, Ind.; three sisters, Georgia Neible of Galesburg, Mich., Bertha Furnish of Royer Lake, LaGrange, and Francis Maggart of Garrett; 17 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Kenneth, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 am. in the funeral home. The Rev. Hubert Schumm, pastor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, will officiate.

Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Roger Gordon

GARRETT — Roger Gordon, 65, died Sunday at 4 a.m. in Citrus Memorial Hospital, Inverness, Fla.

Mr. Gordon was a former Garrett resident.

He was a former president of the Garrett Telephone Co., and served as sportswriter for the Garrett Clipper newspaper from January 1965 until he retired in 1980.

He formerly was co-owner of the Tee Pee Restaurant in Auburn, in partnership with Jim Herzer.

Mr. Gordon graduated from Garrett High School in 1941. He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

He married Norma Reid on March 6, 1980. She survives. His first wife, the former Betty VanFleit, preceded him in death.

Also surviving are a brother, John Gordon, Garrett; a sister, Mrs. Frank (Dorothea) Snepp, Lakeland, Fla.; six stepchildren and several stepgrandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Merl Myers

WATERLOO — Merl F. Myers, 77, died Tuesday at 6:37 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He lived at Knoll Creek Apartments in Waterloo.

Mr. Myers retired in 1976 from Weatherhead Corp., Angola.

He was born July 31, 1911 in Waterloo to Frank and Viola (Kiplinger) Myers.

He married Naomi Wright on Sept. 13, 1933 in Roanoke, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Coleen) Fee, Waterloo; and Mrs. Jerry (Karen) Boynton, Grand Rapids, Mich.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, two brothers and two sisters.

Mr. Myers was a member of the Mount Zion Church of Pleasant Lake.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Douglas Davies will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Nanetta Mansfield

BRYAN, Ohio — Nanetta Mansfield, 62, of Lot 30, Bryan Mobile Home Park died today at 1 a.m. in her home.

She was a homemaker and had been in failing health for several years.

She was born Aug. 1, 1927 in Hicksville, Ohio to William F. and Ruth (McComas) Brown. Her mother survives in Hicksville.

She married Victor Mansfield on July 10, 1953. He also survives.

Other survivors are four daughters, Vicki Fuller of Noel, Mo., Ronna Conley of Hicksville, and Carla Wiles and Laura Campbell, both of Bryan; two sons, Alan McFeters of New Haven and Gary Mansfield of Bryan; two sisters, Janet Hoover of Spencerville and Martha Warner of Auburn; 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Her father, one brother, one sister, and one grandchild preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday after 2 p.m. and Saturday after 9 a.m. (Ohio times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Robert Knapp officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial donations may be given to the Williams County Hospice and Home Health Care.

Carl Perkins

ST. JOE — Carl E. Perkins, 87, died Thursday at 11:25 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired farmer who formerly lived on County Road 60 near St. Joe. He moved to Fort Wayne in September 1987.

He was a former field representative for the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op, and a former president of the DeKalb County Fair Board.

He was born Sept. 7, 1901. He married Edna M. Jackson, who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Shirley Jean Oetting of Fort Wayne; one sister, Florence Jones of Avon Park, Fla.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Memorial donations may be given to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe, where he was a member.

Ernest 'Chip' Angus

FORT WAYNE — Ernest "Chip" Leroy Angus, 44, died Thursday at his home in Fort Wayne.

He had been a maintenance welder for five years at Slater Steel Co. in Fort Wayne. He previously lived in Auburn and Churubusco.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 515 in Churubusco, and the Fraternal Order of Police, the Navy Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Fort Wayne Street Rod Association, all in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 19, 1944 in Fort Wayne to Ernest Melvin and Mary (Stebold) Angus. His mother, Mary Emerick, survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two daughters, April Bianski and Tara Angus, both of Churubusco; one sister, Sue Evans of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

A masonic service will be Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge in Churubusco.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be given to the Nurses 40 and 8 Scholarship Fund, or to the Burns Institute for Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

John Johnson

GARRETT — John A. Johnson, 51, of 1389 State Road 8, Auburn, died Saturday at 8:25 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Johnson was general sales manager for Cooper Industrial Products of Auburn. He retired Jan. 13, 1989 after 28 years of service to the company.

He was born Feb. 29, 1938 in Wooster, Ohio. His father, Joseph Johnson, preceded him in death. His mother, Dorothy (Carson) Hook, survives in Findlay, Ohio. His stepfather, Curtis Hook, also preceded him in death.

He was married July 21, 1963 in Garrett to Dori Deihl. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Jerry, of Marysville, Ohio; and J. Brad and Kirk, both at home; a stepbrother, Jack Hook, Vermilion, Ohio; and a stepsister, Mooneen Stanfield, Benton Ridge, Ohio.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, where he had served as a past deacon. He also was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity at Purdue University and belonged to the American Rubber Manufacturers Association.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the First Church of Christ, 213 E. King St., Garrett. Lloyd Mealer, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, and Tuesday from noon-1:30 p.m. at the First Church of Christ.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, the American Cancer Society, or the First Church of Christ.

Lucile Buss

ANGOLA — Lucile Buss, 90, died at 7:50 a.m. Saturday at the home of her daughter in Angola.

She was born in Hudson April 3, 1899, the daughter of Charles and Carrie (Clink) Libey. On July 29, 1920 in Hudson, she married Ancil D. Buss, who preceded her in death Sept. 22, 1972.

Mrs. Buss had lived in Hudson most of her life before moving to her daughter's home three years ago. She was a graduate of Tri-State University, Angola, and studied at Manchester College. She was a retired school teacher from Hudson, Salem and Corunna schools. She was a lifetime member of Hudson United Brethren Church, Hudson Garden Club and Hudson Extension Homemakers' Club.

Surviving are three daughters, Mildred Brand of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Doyle (Catherine) Schmidt of Angola, and Mrs. Carol (Ruth) Holden of Corunna; a son, Charles Buss of Bad Axe, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

A brother, North Libey, preceded her in death in 1953.

Services were held at 11 a.m. today in Hudson United Brethren Church, Hudson, with Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Burial was in Circle Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were by Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson.

Grace Frane

Grace L. Frane, 83, died Saturday at 6:25 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Frane had lived in Auburn the past two years. She previously lived in Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker and a member of the Auburn Missionary Church.

She was born May 3, 1906 in Hicksville, Ohio to Joseph W. and Lenora E. (Huntley) Rhoades.

She married Virgil Frane in Huntington, Ind. in 1954. He preceded her in death June 12, 1987.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald Hege of Auburn and Richard Crain of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mary Keegan, Sherwood, Ohio, and Eva Flory, Paulding, Ohio; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Martha Denis, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Auburn Missionary Church. Rev. William Lyne, pastor of the church, and Rev. Ken Conrad will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, and Tuesday from noon-1 p.m. at Auburn Missionary Church.

Memorial donations may be made to Youth for Christ-Northeast Indiana or the Auburn Missionary Church.

Harold Studebaker

SPENCERVILLE — Harold B. Studebaker, 70, of 5620 County Road 68, Spencerville, died Sunday morning in his home.

He was a retired construction operating engineer, associated with Local No. 103. He was also a World War II Army veteran.

He was a member of Concord Masonic Lodge No. 556 of the Free and Accepted Masons, Angola Chapter 58, Angola Council No. 27, Angola Commandre No. 45, Leo American Legion Post 409, the Huntington Veterans of Foreign Wars Hoover-Bickel Post 2689, and the Auburn chapter of Disabled American Veterans.

He was born May 21, 1918 in Markle, Ind. to the late Benjamin and Lulu (Harshman) Studebaker.

He married Maxine Hiers on March 11, 1946 in Angola. She survives.

He also is survived by three sons, Michael D. of St. Joe, Thomas K. of Waterloo, and Steven K. of Spencerville; two brothers, Arden Studebaker of Huntington and Garland Studebaker of Wabash; and three grandchildren.

Four brothers preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-9 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. A masonic service will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Leonard Shaffer officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Hamilton woman, 28, killed in head-on crash

ANGOLA — A head-on collision Saturday evening took the life of a 28-year-old Hamilton woman.

Michelle Wertman was killed when her 1989 Honda was struck head-on by a 1977 Ford LTD, Steuben County Police said. Her obituary is on today's page A6.

The accident occurred Saturday at 6:53 p.m. on U.S. 20 near the intersection of Steuben County Road 700 East, about three miles from the Ohio border.

Police said Julian Wylls, 20, North Adams, Mich., was driving his Ford LTD eastbound and was passing several vehicles when he struck Wertman's Honda, which was westbound.

Gayle Lang and Page Lang of Payne, Ohio, passengers in the Wertman car, both sustained internal injuries. They were taken to Cameron Hospital, Angola, for initial observation and were later transferred to Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Their ages were not available.

Wylls sustained some cuts to the face, but did not require hospitalization.

Both cars were destroyed by the collision. The accident still is being investigated by the Steuben County Sheriff's Department.

Edwin Blomeke

GARRETT — Edwin F. Blomeke, 58, of Garrett died Saturday at 1:40 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 30, 1930 in Waterloo to Frank and Irene (Dibling) Blomeke. His mother survives at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He was married May 2, 1953 in Avilla to Martha Freeman. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Regina Blomeke, Garrett; two sons, Tony of Kendallville and John of Exeter, N.H.; two brothers, Paul of Huntington and Bernard of Auburn; one sister, Mildred Lepley of Ashley; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, George.

Mr. Blomeke retired from International Harvester, Fort Wayne, after 22½ years of service. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the Garrett Eagles lodge.

Services were today at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church. Rev. Gary Sigler and Rev. Donald Isenbarger officiated. McKee-Miles Funeral Home handled arrangements. Burial was in Embrey Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph School, Garrett.

Michelle Wertman

HAMILTON — Michelle M. Wertman, 28, died at 7 p.m. Saturday from injuries received in a traffic accident. She was a nursing assistant.

Surviving are her mother, Lee Ann Wertman of Hamilton; a grandmother, Gloria Johnson of rural Hamilton; and a brother.

Services at 2 p.m. Ohio time Tuesday in Wilson-Greesey Funeral Home, Montpelier, Ohio, with calling there 7-9 p.m. today.

Preferred memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Beverly Parker

GARRETT — Beverly J. Parker, 62, of Garrett died Monday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She retired as a secretary for the DeKalb County Soil Conservation District in 1986, with 18 years of service. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and its Women's Federation and Inner Circle.

She was born July 8, 1926 in Auburn to the late Wilbur and Gertrude (Mauer) Swander.

She married Clifford W. Parker on Nov. 17, 1946 in Garrett. He survives.

Other survivors are three sons, Barry A. and Neal C., both of Garrett, and Rickey L. of Fort Knox, Ky.; one brother, Gerald Swander of Odgen, Utah; four sisters, Winifred Peters and Garnet Dirr, both of Garrett, and Florine Strong and June Swander, both of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

One brother, Wilbur Swander Jr., preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, and Thursday from noon-1 p.m. at Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Garrett Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Tara Hornbacker, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be directed to the church or the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Leona Morr

FORT WAYNE — Leona E. Morr, 105, died Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in Bowser Health Care Center, Fort Wayne.

She retired as the housemother for the Allen County Children's Home in 1962, with 20 years of service. She lived in Fort Wayne most of her life.

She was a member of King's Daughters, Sa-Lo-Si Chapter, in Fort Wayne.

She was born April 23, 1884 in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, to the late Moletus A. and Mary Ellen (Sebert) High.

She married Marcus B. Morr on Sept. 1, 1903. He preceded her in death in June 1955.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Two sisters, Nellie Morr and Cora Ryan, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. John Dicken, pastor of the Waynedale United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Tara Harvey

GARRETT — Tara Harvey, 41, of Garrett died Saturday at 6 p.m. at her home.

She was employed by the Community Sheltered Workshop, Angola, and was a member of the Auburn Missionary Church.

She was born Nov. 10, 1947 to John and Lois Harvey.

She is survived by one brother, Roger Harvey of Bloomington, Ind.; and one sister, Jeanne Dunn of Encinitas, Calif.

Services will be Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. William Lyne officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Erma Shull

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Erma L. Shull, 83, of 118 W. Cornelia St., Hicksville, Ohio, died Monday at 5:20 a.m. in the Loving Care for the Aged Nursing Home in rural Butler. She had resided there one month.

She was employed by Hicksville Greenhouses for many years and was a member of the Hicksville Gospel Tabernacle.

She was born Aug. 5, 1905 in Defiance County, Ohio, to the late Sylvester J. and Carie (Otis) Kisabeth.

She married O. Guy Shull on June 14, 1926 in Hicksville. He preceded her in death March 9, 1987.

Surviving are two daughters, Delores Means of Butler and Emily Curie of St. Joe; one sister, Nona Noag of Crystal Lake, Mich.; three grandchildren,; and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday after 2 p.m. and Thursday after 9 a.m. (Ohio times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. (Ohio time) in the funeral home, with Pastor Clarence Kopp Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial donations may be given to the Hicksville Gospel Tabernacle.

Auburn Evening Star Obituaries – Wednesday –May 10, 1989

Bishop Claude Lawson

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Claude Lawson, 75, died at 10 a.m. Tuesday at his residence.

He was born Sept. 10, 1913 in Korea, Ky., and had been a minister and bishop in the First Pentecostal Church from 1946-86. He retired in 1986. He served the Sweet Pentecostal Church in Albion from 1943-46.

Surviving are his wife, the former Dora A. Halsey; three daughters, Phyllis J. Weber of Bradenton, Fla., Carolyn I. Whitman and Nancy L. Cornett, both of Fort Wayne; a son, James C. Lawson Jr. of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Ella Werich of Waterloo, and Harriet Bowlby of Harlingen, Texas; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in First Pentecostal Church, 935 Farwood Ave., Fort Wayne, with Rev. Larry White officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave.

Preferred memorials are to the church or Allen County or American Heart associations.

Tasha Willms

HAMILTON — Tasha Elizabeth Willms was stillborn Monday morning in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Surviving are her parents, Jeffry and Tammy Willms of Hamilton, grandparents, Ron and Virginia Willms of Angola, Gary Casto of Auburn, and Sue Casto of Hamilton.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Hamilton Cemetery in Hamilton.

Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home in Hamilton.

Robert Hill Sr.

HAMILTON — Robert Hill Sr., 74, died Tuesday morning at the University of California-Davis Hospital in Sacramento, Calif. He was a retired farmer and a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia; two daughters, Flossie Fiedler of Sacramento, Calif., and Susan Ottesen of Peoria, Ill; two sons, Robert Hill Jr. and Donald Hill, both of Hamilton; and 11 grandchildren.

Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hamilton United Methodist Church in Hamilton, with military graveside rites in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Preferred memorials are to the church or Hamilton Summer League Playground Equipment Fund.

Auburn Evening Star Obituaries – Thursday –May 11, 1989

Carl Rosen

Carl Rosen, 61, died Wednesday at 12:33 p.m. in Glen Oaks Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Rosen was born in North Manchester. He has no known relatives surviving.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. Alice Hupp, pastor of First Christian Church, will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Tara Harvey

GARRETT — Tara Harvey, 41, of Garrett died early Sunday morning at her home.

She was employed by the Community Sheltered Workshop, Angola, and was a member of the Auburn Missionary Church.

She was born Nov. 10, 1947 to John and Lois Harvey.

She is survived by one brother, Roger Harvey, of California; and one sister, Jeanne Dunn of Encinitas, Calif.

Services were today at 11:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. William Lyne officiating. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Gerry de Weyer

AMERSFOORT, Holland — Mrs. Gerry de Weyer, 55, died Saturday at her home in Holland. She had been ill with cancer.

Mrs. de Weyer was the sister of Arie VanStraten, Auburn.

She was born Sept. 23, 1933 in Holland. She married Pieter J. de Weyer on Sept. 26, 1956. Her husband and three daughters survive.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday in Amersfoort.

Rose Newcomer

Rosa Marie Newcomer, 57, died Thursday at 7:15 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Newcomer was a homemaker and a resident of 3[illegible] County Road 46 A, Auburn.

She was a member of the Meese Chapel United Methodist Church, rural Auburn.

She was born Jan. 18, 1922 in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, to Clarence and Phima (Stafford) Berry.

On May 23, 1953, she married Richard Newcomer in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Roger Newcomer of Auburn; one daughter, Mrs. Douglas (Dawn) Frye of St. Joe; two brothers, Ralph Berry and Russell Berry of Auburn; three sisters, Lotus Bartles of Auburn, Helen Vance of Tekonsha, Mich., and Ruth Baughman of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Nathan and Kristin Frye.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. in Teller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Eugene Woolever, pastor of the Meese Chapel United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Meese Chapel United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

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Police say father shot family, self

By LARRY CZAJA
and SUSAN MAWE

WATERLOO — Curious townsfolk who gathered around the home of David and Roxane Fager at 380 E. Walnut St., late Thursday afternoon, were shocked to learn that all five members of the family were found shot to death in their beds.

Monte Brown, the DeKalb County prosecutor, said the bodies of the three Fager children, Bryce, 16, Michael, 11, and Melissa, 9, were found in bed in their respective bedrooms. The bodies of the parents, David, 34, and Roxane, 31, also were found together in their bed.

Brown said police believe that David Fager shot his wife and children before shooting himself, sometime after Friday afternoon, May 5.

Brown said an initial police investigation at the Fager home revealed that all the family members were shot with a large caliber handgun, and died of gunshot wounds to the head. "It appears that the same gun was used in all the shootings," he said.

Brown added, "The lack of any signs of struggle or of forced entry pretty much rule out that this was anything but a murder-suicide."

Brown said police believe that David Fager killed his wife and sons first, possibly a day or two before he killed his daughter and then himself. That assumption was based on the condition of the bodies.

Bryce Fager

Michael Fager

"Rigor mortis takes about 48 hours to leave the body. The bodies of the mother and the sons had already begun to decompose, whereas the father and daughter still had rigor," said Brown. He added that police investigators think Fager and his daughter may have been alive as late as Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning.

Brown said a witness who showed up at the crime scene late Thursday said she'd seen Roxane Fager outside the home early on Friday afternoon, May 5. "The murders of Roxane Fager and the two boys may have occurred late Friday or sometime during the weekend," said Brown.

Police won't be certain about the timing of the deaths until official autopsies are completed. Dr. William Hathaway, the DeKalb County coroner, was to perform the autopsies today at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Neighbors said they never heard any shots fired.

The neighbors also said very little was known about the Fagers. The Fager parents were described as reclusive. They weren't known to socialize with other people in the town. The children were described as quiet and shy.

Neighbors weren't sure, either, exactly how long the Fagers had lived in their neighborhood on Waterloo's southeast edge. Some thought they moved from Peru to Waterloo two years ago, others thought it might have been four years ago.

Police first became aware there might be somthing amiss at the Fager home when DeKalb High School officials contacted the Waterloo Police Department on Wednesday. School officials reported the Fager children had not been at school since May 3 and they'd been unable to contact the family.

Waterloo Police went to the Fager residence Wednesday afternoon and talked to neighbors concerning the whereabouts of the Fager family. They knocked on the door and there was no response. Seeing nothing amiss, they left.

Brown said that Wade Castator, the Waterloo town marshal, contacted him Thursday morning around 9:30 a.m. to discuss the situation. "Wade said he knew of the existence of Mrs. Fager's parents who live in Peru," said Brown.

Castator called Roxane Fager's parents, Walter and Jeannette

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Waymire, and asked them to meet him at the Waterloo Police Department. Instead, they went directly to the Fager home. Diane Waymire, Roxane's sister, also made the trip. They arrived at the Fager home shortly after 3 p.m.

In the meantime, Brown had requested and received a court order so that authorities could enter and search the house. Brown said the request was made based on information supplied by the Waterloo Police Department.

When the Waymires arrived at the house they found the doors locked. Diane Waymire told authorities her father tried to look in a window to see if there was a buildup of mail, but the curtains were drawn and he couldn't see in. Diane went to the mailbox and pulled out the mail.

Brown said Walter and Jeannette Waymire went to the garage door, which was left unlocked. Walter went in and grabbed a shovel. He smashed a bedroom window and saw David and Roxane Fager lying in bed.

The prosecutor said that within a few minutes of the Waymires' arrival, the Waterloo Police, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department and the Indiana State Police arrived on the scene.

An Indiana State Police officer broke open the garage door leading to the house to gain entry. Police found the family members in four different bedrooms.

Brown said there was no evidence of drugs or alcohol in the home.

The gun that police believe was used in the slayings was found near David Fager's body.

Brown said, "A .357-Magnum handgun was found in the father's room, however, the bullets used appear to be 38-caliber slugs." He said .38 caliber ammunition can be fired from a .357 with no problem. Ballistics tests conducted by the state police lab will positively determine the murder weapon.

Brown said police found no family portraits on the walls of

Schoolmates recall slain children

By SUSAN MAWE
and LARRY CZAJA

WATERLOO — Voices were quiet as students gathered in groups this morning at schools attended by Bryce, Michael and Melissa Fager.

The three children were found in their Waterloo home Thursday afternoon, each killed by a gunshot wound to the head. Their parents had died in a similar manner, in what police believe was a murder-suicide carried out by the children's father.

School officials planned counseling sessions for the day to allow students to talk about the tragedy and sort out their feelings of anger and disbelief.

This morning, guidance counselors from the high school had begun sessions with students at Waterloo Elementary, where Melissa Fager, 9, was a fourth grader. Counseling for students at DeKalb Middle School and DeKalb High School was in the planning stages.

David Branneman, assistant principal at the high school, said he expected younger students to have a more difficult time accepting the deaths.

"The least problem will be at the high school. They're going to be better able to handle this than the younger ones," he said.

Bryce Fager, 16, had been a sophomore at DHS.

Students at DeKalb Middle School were reacting to the death of their classmate, Michael, 11, with shock and disbelief.

"It was definitely a shock," said assistant principal Tom Sanborn. "The kids were in clusters this morning and you could tell they were talking about it. There's a lot of sad faces out there."

Gathered in a crowd outside the Fager home Thursday, Michael Fager's classmates described him as a "class clown." David Howard, a fellow sixth-grader at DeKalb Middle School, said Michael always liked to pull practical tricks. "Last Monday, he got some disappearing ink and he sprayed some of the girls with it. He thought that was pretty funny," said Howard.

Jaime Franks, another classmate, said the disappearing ink trick was typical of Michael. "He was always doing stuff like that. He liked to laugh and to try to make other people laugh," she said. "I don't know if Michael was popular," said Jaime, "but he was well-known."

As they gathered on the street in front of the Fager home Thursday afternoon, Michael's classmates were careful to stay well back of the yellow-tape police barricade surrounding the yard.

They brought a photo of Michael and talked with news reporters at length about the type of person their fellow student was.

Howard said he'd heard the news of what happened when he was at Laub's Mini-mart on South

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Wayne Street, just two blocks west of the Fager house. "I almost started crying when I heard," he said.

Franks and the other girls who came to the scene said they felt sad and couldn't believe something like this had happened.

"We're going to miss him," said Howard.

The DeKalb Central school district plans to observe a moment of silence in memory of the children at each of their three school buildings Monday.

"We are providing counseling service in each school today for those individual youngsters who need to have somebody to talk to," said Dr. James Watson, superintendent of schools. The school used its own staff counselors today, but Watson said the schools would refer students to outside counseling if necessary.

All five members of the Fager family were being taken to Peru for funeral services and burial, according to McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn.

Mary Oberlin

BUTLER — Mary Pauline Oberlin, 76, died Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in Meadowbrook Health Care Center, Butler.

Mrs. Oberlin was a homemaker and a member of the Butler United Methodist Church. She was a lifelong resident of DeKalb County.

She was born Feb. 4, 1913 in Auburn to the late George and Mildred (Siebert) McCann.

She married Charles Oberlin on Dec. 26, 1929 in Hicksville, Ohio, he survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Mary Louise Dirr of Fort Myers, Fla.; one son, Charles Clayton Oberlin of Fort Wayne; one brother, Marshall McCann of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Josephine Jones of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Jessie Petit of Painesville, Ohio; two grandsons, Richard Yarger and Douglas Oberlin, both of Fort Wayne; and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Robert Hockman, pastor of the Butler United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the church or to the DeKalb County Emergency Medical Service.

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Father, girl died last in Waterloo tragedy

By SUSAN MAWE

DeKalb County Coroner William Hathaway, M.D., reported Friday that the five members of the Fager family were killed by "execution-style" gunshot wounds to the head.

David Fager, his wife Roxanne, and their three children, Bryce, 16, Michael, 11, and Melissa, 9, were found dead in their beds at their home in southeast Waterloo Thursday afternoon.

Hathaway said the shootings, all committed by David Fager, were ruled to be murder-suicide. There were no signs of struggle or other injuries detected in the autopsies.

However, the exact dates and times of the shootings, and the sequence in which family members died, is not fully clear.

"To the best we can figure out, Melissa and the father were dead close to 24 hours before the scene was found," Hathaway said. "The other three were dead two to three days longer, probably the 8th or 9th (of May). That's as close as I come to it."

Hathaway said the decomposition of the bodies of Roxanne, Bryce, and Michael was "pretty bad," but rigor mortis was still present in David and Melissa's bodies when they were found. That indicates that David and Melissa died a day or two later than the other family members, he said.

He added that officials were unsure whether Melissa was in the house when her brothers and mother were killed.

The lethal weapon was a .357 revolver, but Hathaway said Fager used .38-caliber ammunition in the shootings.

The home was apparently undisturbed, with no indication of fighting or forced entry. "There was no evidence that anyone had entered the house — it was all self-contained," Hathaway said. "It's just a dreadful situation."

Funeral services for the family will be conducted in Peru, Ind. McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of local arrangements. Obituaries for the family members appear on page A8 of today's edition.

Roxanne Fager 'a rare find'

By LARRY CZAJA

WATERLOO — Darola Baker of Waterloo remembers that Roxanne Fager was a very hard worker who was good with children.

"I was her employer for two years at the Waterloo Kiddie College in Waterloo," said Baker.

Roxanne Fager

The Kiddie College was a nursery school/day care center located in the annex of the Nazarene Church on Lockhart Street.

"Roxanne worked as the cook for our day care center and she fixed all the snacks," Baker said.

"She was a very hard worker, and very cooperative. We felt she was a rare find. All of us at the school liked her a lot," added Baker.

Roxanne Fager was described by Baker as an exceptionally tall, slim, attractive woman. "She had long, brown hair she wore down her back."

Baker said Fager was very soft-spoken and showed a lot of patience with the children at the center.

"She impressed me as an exceptional mother. She married at 14 and started having children. I think she probably had to grow up very fast. She would bring her children to the center and we got to know them pretty well. They were pleasant and sweet to have around. They were very intelligent children, very well mannered. They would have made wonderful citizens.

Darola Baker said she didn't know much about David Fager. "He was very quiet, very private. In the two years that Roxanne worked here, I don't believe he ever came in and introduced himself."

Baker said Roxanne talked to her about her husband, always in a positive manner. "She said he was to graduate around May, 1988. That was around the same time the Kiddie College was closed and she lost her job along with the rest of us."

Baker said that Roxanne was quiet as well. "Whenever we had parties at the school, it was hard to get her to come," she said, adding, "We got the impression they were a very private-type family who wanted to keep to themselves."

Una Webster

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Una Webster, 98, of 204 W. Dixon Ave., Hicksville, died Friday at 9:15 a.m. in Fountain Manor Nursing Care Center, where she had resided since Aug. 28, 1988.

She moved to Hicksville in 1967 from DeKalb County.

She was born April 4, 1891 in Defiance County, Ohio to the late Lewis and Cora (Cook) Zuber.

She married Clark H. Webster on Dec. 25, 1907. He preceded her in death May 15, 1947.

She is survived by one son, Weldon W. Webster of Butler; one brother, Harry W. Zuber of Livonia, Mich., one sister, Mary Laverne Blythe of Hickville; three grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

One son, Blaine, three sisters, and one brother preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday after 3 p.m. and Sunday after 10 a.m. (Ohio times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Turnbull of the West Milford Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery, Newville, Ind.

David Fager

WATERLOO — David Martin Fager, 34, died in his home at 380 E. Walnut St., Waterloo.

Mr. Fager had served six years in the U.S. Army. He was unemployed at the time of his death.

He was born March 13, 1955 in Wabash County to Edward and Janet Fager. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives.

He married Roxanne Waymire in November 1972.

Also surviving are two brothers, Joseph and William, both of Wabash, Ind.; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Fager of Converse, Ind.

Friends may call Sunday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru, Ind.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial of ashes will be Tuesday in the Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County, Ind.

Roxanne Fager

WATERLOO — Roxanne (Waymire) Fager, 31, died in her home at 380 E. Walnut St., Waterloo.

She was unemployed at the time of her death.

Mrs. Fager was born Aug. 29, 1957 in Peru, Ind. to Walter and Jeanette (Bender) Waymire. They survive.

She married David Fager in November 1972.

Also surviving are two brothers, Christopher Waymire of Monticello, Ind. and Joseph Waymire of Lafayette, and two sisters, Diane Waymire of Chili, Ind. and Sara Vile of Peru.

Friends may call Sunday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial of ashes will be Tuesday in the Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County, Ind.

Bryce Fager
Michael Fager
Melissa Fager

WATERLOO — Bryce Allan Fager, 16; Michael Edward Fager, 11, and Melissa Lynn Fager, 9, died in their home at 380 E. Walnut St., Waterloo.

Bryce was born Feb. 7, 1973 in Wabash County, Ind. He was a sophomore student at DeKalb High School, Waterloo.

Michael was born July 7, 1977 in Wabash County, Ind. He was a sixth grader at DeKalb Middle School, Waterloo.

Melissa was born July 7, 1980 in Germany. She was a fourth-grade student at Waterloo Elementary School.

Friends may call Sunday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru, Ind.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial of ashes will be Tuesday in the Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County, Ind.

Kathryn Lutz

COLDWATER, Mich. — Kathryn L. Lutz, 41, of 1042 Silver Road, Lake George, Coldwater, Mich., died today at 1:58 a.m in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

A homemaker, she was a former Auburn resident. She was formerly employed at Weatherhead Co., Angola. She was a member of the Faith Baptist Church, Orland.

She was born Dec. 21, 1947 in Auburn to Buddy E. and Mary Lou (Maier) Freed. Her mother survives.

She married Paul E. Lutz on March 19, 1975 in Pleasant Lake. He also survives.

She is also survived by two daughters, Melinda MacDonald and Jennifer Lutz, and one son, Matthew Lutz, all of Coldwater; two brothers, Thomas Freed of Auburn and Jeffrey Freed of Garrett; one sister, Cheryl Rowlison of Auburn; her maternal grandmother and stepgrandfather, Leta and Liston Searfoss of Butler; and her paternal grandmother, Dessie Freed of Kendallville.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Dr. J. Arnold Fair, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Ruth Mapes

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Mapes, 70, died at 7:15 p.m. Saturday at the home of a daughter, Darlene Fry, 719 S. Main St., Kendallville. She had been in ill health five years.

Born in Kendallville Nov. 21, 1918, she was the daughter of Alva and Elsie (Mignons Hill) Acker. On Dec. 12, 1936 in Albion, she married Arthur Franklin Mapes, poet laureate of Indiana, who preceded her in death Jan. 4, 1986. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Kendallville.

Surviving are four daughters, Marilyn Barrett of Helena, Ala., Jean Fry of LaGrange, Darlene Fry and Marlene Mason, both of Kendallville; six sons, Rev. Jim A., Dean and Howard Mapes, all of Kendallville, Don Mapes of Avilla, Richard A. Mapes of Escondido, Calif., and Micheal Mapes of Auburn.

Also surviving are two sisters, Orpha Bates of Kendallville, and Catherine Luke of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Raymond and Roy Acker, both of Kendallville, Alva Acker Jr. of Warsaw, Orville Acker of Sturgis, Mich., and Robert Acker of Auburn; 32 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

One brother, one sister and two great-grandchildren preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. James Moss of First Church of the Nazarene in Kendallville and Rev. James Mapes of Center Chapel United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Arthur Franklin Mapes Scholarship Fund.

Mitchel Salyer

Mitchel J. Salyer, 77, died today at 6:45 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

A retired tool-and-die technician, Mr. Salyer lived at 4204 County Road 35 near Auburn.

He was born Dec. 31, 1911 in Johnson County, Ky. to James Monroe Salyer and Laura Alice (Salyer) Salyer.

On July 21, 1934, he married Treva C. Roop in Richmond, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Victoria Lynn Krueger, of Brea, Calif.; one brother, Virgil Salyer of Richwood, Ohio; two sisters Zula Castle, of Richwood, Ohio, and Lura Streeter, of Columbus, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Courtney Lynn and Karrie Leigh Krueger, both of Brea, Calif.

Mr. Salyer was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Lee Krueger, and two brothers and two sisters.

He retired from Warner Gear in Auburn in 1975, after 34 years of service.

His funeral will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, where he was a member. Rev. Dewey Findley, pastor of Maple Grove, will officiate.

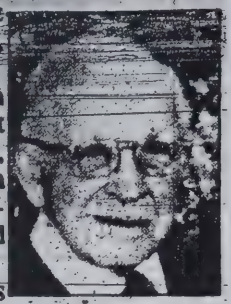
Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

Clarence Bowers

WATERLOO — Clarence L. Bowers, 90, died Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.


Bowers

He was a former resident of 245 Elm St., Waterloo, and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Bowers was a former superintendent of DeKalb County Schools. He also was a teacher for 50 years, and served as principal for the Waterloo School and the Green Center Elementary School.

He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, the Waterloo Lions Club, and the Retired Teachers Association. He served 35 years as a member of the Waterloo Library Board.

He was born May 27, 1898 in Franklin Township, northeast of Waterloo, to Henry Peter and Hannah Elizabeth (Musser) Bowers.

On Aug. 24, 1927 he married Helen Dannells in the Waterloo United Brethren Church. She preceded him in death Feb. 22, 1987.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Elaine) Kline of Waterloo, Mrs. Kenneth (Patricia) Brace of Ashtabula, Ohio, and Mrs. William (Janet) Gurd of Jenison, Mich; 10 grandchildren, one stepgrandson, and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Waterloo United Methodist Church. The Rev. David Abel, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Dewey Findley, pastor of the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Edna Niman

GARRETT — Edna L. Niman died Saturday at 3 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She had been a Garrett resident for 43 years.

She was a retired employee of General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Spiritualist Church of Divine Science in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Kiefersville, Ohio, to the late John and Laura (McGill) Henderson.

She married Ralph Niman on March 16, 1946 in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Gordon Roose of Waterloo, Jesse Roose Jr. of Auburn, and Curtis Roose of Garrett; two daughters, Laura Balliet of Huntertown and Midge Geeting of Angola; one sister, Anna Holman of Waterloo; 18 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

Four sisters and six brothers preceded her in death.

Services were today at 1:30 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with Rev. Edward Cummings, pastor of the Spiritualist Church of Divine Science, officiating. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco.

Erna Brady

Erna M. Brady, 73, died Friday at 9:30 a.m. in Leisure Oak Nursing Home, Defiance, Ohio.

Mrs. Brady was a former resident of Auburn, and was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, and was involved in the ladies' group at the church.

She was born Oct. 24, 1915 in Henry County, Ohio to William F. and Minnie (Mahnke) Meyer.

On Dec. 26, 1981, she married Hudson Brady in Auburn. He preceded her in death Sept. 2, 1988.

Survivors include one brother, Edwin Meyer of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Edna Stockman of Ridgeville Corners, Ohio, and Rufina Fenstermaker of Santa Maria, Calif.; and seven nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard, and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the church. Rev. Dr. Clark E. Hobby will officiate.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, near Brimfield.

Memorial donations may be sent to the St. Mark's Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Orley Smith Sr.

CORUNNA — Orley O. "Peanut" Smith Sr., 86, of Route 1, Corunna, died at 12:10 p.m. Sunday in Kenney Health Care Center in Ligonier. He had been in failing health the past five weeks.

Born in DeKalb County Aug. 21, 1902, he was the son of Reuben and Anna (Sherman) Smith. On Sept. 25, 1922 in Corunna, he married Helen Leisure, who preceded him in death Dec. 7, 1977.

Mr. Smith operated a tavern in Corunna for 26 years. He also was a railroad worker and a farmer. He was a member of Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Smith of Route 1, Kendallville, and Orley Smith Jr. of Auburn; 12 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. David Cornwell officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Hazel Holman

BUTLER — Hazel "Fern" Holman, 67, died Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

She was a retired employee of Universal Tool & Stamping Co., Butler, and a member of the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, rural Butler.

She was born Sept. 15., 1921 in Butler to the late LeRoy and Hazel (Routesong) Metcalf.

She married Loren M. Holman on Jan. 21, 1948 in Waterloo. He preceded her in death April 7, 1976.

She is survived by one son, Paul of Corunna; and one sister, Thelma M. Shultz of Butler.

One sister, Alta Mae, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Heart Fund.

Robert Gallatine

ELKHART — Robert E. Gallatine, 67, of Elkhart died Friday at noon in Connersville, Ind. He was a former Garrett resident.

Mr. Gallatine was a building inspector for Elkhart County. He was a member of the Mishawaka Pilots Association, the Elkhart Moose Lodge, Airport Realty, the American Radio League, and the ACACIA Fraternity.

He was born April 27, 1922 in Garrett to the late Arthur and Mabel (Steckley) Gallatine.

He married Agnes Hammond on July 11, 1953 in Indianapolis. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Ann Yager and Marilyn Gallatine, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Catherine Fitch of Worthington, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services were today at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with Rev. Dale Mendenhall, pastor of the Garrett United Methodist Church, officiating. McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, was in charge of arrangements.

Mary Minnix

HAMILTON — Mary Helen Smith Minnix, 40, was found dead in her home at 204 Depot St. Saturday at 10:15 a.m.

She had been retired from the Hill Air Force Base in Roy, Utah for six years. She had previously worked as a nurse in the U.S. Army, and she had served in Vietnam.

She was born Feb. 11, 1949 in Angola to Joe Minnix and Hazel Grimm. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Sebring, Fla.

Her stepfather, Ford C. Grimm, and her brother, Raymond, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Adam Christopher Scott Smith of Anderson, Ind., and Travis Allen Smith of Roy, Utah; four brothers, James Minnix of Waco, Texas, Robert and Roy Minnix of Santa Anna, Calif., and Roger Minnix of Pleasant Lake; and one sister, Linda Kees of Hamilton.

Friends may call Wednesday from 10 a.m.-noon at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

A graveside memorial service will be Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the National Lupus Foundation.

Eston "Pie" Mergy

ASHLEY — Eston Fredrick "Pie" Mergy, 79, of 406 E. State St., Ashley, died Monday at 5:25 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He retired in 1972 as a construction worker for Daily Asphalt Co. He was a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge.

He was born Oct. 3, 1909 in Waterloo to the late Henry and Maude (Luce) Mergy.

He married Ruby Pauline Whysong on Aug. 12, 1935 in Waterloo. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Charles Lee Mergy and Larry Richard Mergy, both of Fort Wayne, and Billy Joe Mergy of Ashley; one daughter, Mrs. James (Sally) Johnson of Alexandria, Va.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

One brother, Paul Mergy, and one sister, Iva Lockwood, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Abel officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorial donations may be given to the Ashley Masonic Lodge.

Bonnie Ewing

ANGOLA — Bonnie Ewing, 96, died Monday at 12:30 p.m. in Carlin Park Health Care Center in Angola.

She was born in Hudson Sept. 9, 1892, the daughter of Hezekiah and Caroline (Kistler) Leas. On April 15, 1915, she married Frank Ewing, who preceded her in death Jan. 25, 1983.

Mrs. Ewing had lived at Carlin Park since 1984 but had lived most of her life in Helmer, where she and her husband owned and operated Helmer Lumber Mill for many years.

The only survivors are a brother, Ralph Leas of Route 1, Hudson, and nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson, with Rev. Howard Compton of Salem Center Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery.

Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Carl Perkins

ST. JOE — Services for Carl E. Perkins, 87, will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Baldinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, or Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Mr. Perkins died Thursday at 11:25 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired farmer who formerly lived on County Road 60 near St. Joe. He moved to Fort Wayne in September 1987.

He was a former field representative for the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op, and a former president of the DeKalb County Fair Board.

He was born Sept. 7, 1901. He married Edna M. Jackson on Oct 23, 1926. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Shirley Jean Oetting of Fort Wayne; one sister, Florence Jones of Avon Park, Fla.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe. Memorial donations may be given to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe, where he was a member.

Virgie Fugate

Virgie Fugate, 73, of Auburn died Monday at 1:35 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Freewill Baptist Church.

She was born Oct. 18, 1915 in Floyd County, Ky., to the late Pearl and Mary (Ousley) Bradley.

She was married to Estill Fugate, who survives.

She is also survived by two sons, Doyle Goble and Jerry "Douglas" Goble, both of Garrett; four daughters, Dorothy Delauder of Garrett, Mary Sue Curtland of Hudson, Kathy Baker of Kendallville, and Regina "Jenny" Pogue of Auburn; one sister, Grace Fleming of Albion, Mich.; 19 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Two children preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the funeral home, with pastor Lee Combs of the Freewill Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Clark Farrington

ASHLEY — Clark E. Farrington, 72, died Tuesday at 11:05 p.m. in his home at 137 S. Grand Ave.

He retired from Dana Corp. in 1979 with 31½ years of service.

Hen was born July 22, 1916 in Delta, Ohio, to the late Clyde and Emma (Kuckuck) Farrington.

He married Beatrice Lucile Roop in 1936 in Albion. She survives.

Other survivors include one don, Don Farrington of Ashley; two daughters, Sharon Diehm of Fort Wayne and Wylene Signs of North Manchester, Ind.; one brother, Hugh Farrington of Waterloo; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-6 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Rev. David Cornwell, pastor of the Ashley United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial donations may be given to the Oncology Department at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Hubert Mochamer

Hubert C. Mochamer, 84, died Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn. He was born Dec. 12, 1904 in Auburn and was a lifetime resident.

He retired from Warner Gear in 1967 after 25 years of employment. He was a 60-year member of the Kendallville Masonic Lodge, No. 276 and a member of the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

He was married in Hillsdale, Mich., Dec. 23, 1923, to Eleanor Beehler, who preceded him in death in 1967. A step-sister also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Mochamer, Elkhart, and Jack Mochamer, Fort Wayne; a daughter, JoAn Collier, Franklin, Tenn., 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is handling funeral arrangements. There will be no calling. A private graveside service will be conducted Thursday afternoon at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with the Rev. Alan Black, of the County Line Church of God, officiating.

Friends may make donations to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children.

Paul Bartles

Paul E. Bartles, 92, of 6012 County Road 35, Auburn, died Tuesday at 4:05 p.m. in his home.

He was a farmer and a lifelong resident of Jackson Township. He was a member of the Meese Chapel United Methodist Church and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op.

He was born Feb. 3, 1897 in his home in Jackson Township to the late Charles W. and Sarah (Lochner) Bartles.

He married Lotus Berry on July 10, 1924 in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Lowell (Margaret) Gaskill of Auburn; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Eleanor J. Culbertson, and one brother, Ralph Bartles, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Rev. Eugene Woolever officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the Meese Chapel United Methodist Church.

Mildred Coll

BUTLER — Mildred F. Coll, 86, died today at 3:10 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Butler Community Bible Church.

She was born May 25, 1902 in Stafford Township to the late Charles and Susanna (Shade) Arford.

She married Harold Coll on March 27, 1921 in her parents' home. He preceded her in death April 10, 1982.

She is survived by one daughter, Helen Zerkle of Willard, Ohio; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

One son, Richard, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Butler Community Bible Church.

Charles Albertson

BUTLER — Charles Albertson died Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in his home at Lot 5, D & A Trailer Court, Butler.

Service arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Ruth Allen

ASHLEY — Ruth Allen, 84, formerly of Ashley, died unexpectedly Friday afternoon at her home in Sebring, Fla.

Services will be at Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, at a time to be announced.

Helen Stonestreet

Helen I. Stonestreet, 71, of Auburn died Thursday at 9:02 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a secretary for the J Box Co. of Auburn, which she owned with her husband. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn YMCA and Shirts and Skirts Square Dance Club of Auburn.

She was born Jan. 25, 1918 in Allen County. On Feb. 14, 1938 she married Jay Stonestreet. He survives.

Other survivors are one son, Tom Stonestreet of Churubusco; two daughters, Mrs. Gerald (Sally) Shank of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Samuel (Sandra) Gaff of LaOtto; one brother, Robert Sloffer of Churubusco; two sisters, Mrs. Paul (Hilda) Shively, her twin sister, of Churubusco, and Mrs. Basil (Marcella) Hoyer of Angola; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday from 2-9 p.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with calling one hour before the service. Rev. Douglas Anderson and Rev. Ken Walker will officiate. Burial will be in the Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Heart Association.

Dayton Smart

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo. — Dayton Smart, 78, died May 2 in Excelsior Springs.

He was born in Clarks Hill, Ind. and lived in Chillicothe, Mo. before moving to Excelsior Springs in 1951.

Mr. Smart was a distributor for the Kansas City Star and Kansas City Times for 26 years, retiring in 1975.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Smart; two children; and a brother, Clellie Smart, Fremont, Ind.

Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Excelsior Springs.

Charles Albertson

BUTLER — Charles "Tiny" Albertson, 66, died Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in his Butler home.

Mr. Albertson retired in 1982 from his position as a security guard for Dana Corp. in Auburn. He was a 30-year member of the Garrett, Waterloo, and Butler police departments.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Fish and Game Club in Hamilton.

He was born Aug. 1, 1922 in Allen Township, Noble County, to Carl and Leona (Eaton) Albertson.

On Dec. 24, 1942 he married Wanita Mae Huss in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Connie Smith of Fort Wayne; one son, Charles E. Albertson of Edgerton, Ohio; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Hile of Florida; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Darlene Scholgten, and one son, Marion Albertson, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 3:30-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Robert Heckman, pastor of the Butler United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

Leila Rosselot

SPENCERVILLE — Leila L. Rosselot, 94, died Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. in Brighton Hall Nursing Center, New Haven.

She formerly lived at 11133 Birky Drive, Spencerville. She was the oldest member of the St. Joseph United Methodist Church, in Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 7, 1894 in Fort Wayne to the late John L. and Nettie (Bair) Horn.

She married Louis F. Rosselot on Oct. 2, 1919. He preceded her in death Dec. 9, 1954.

Surviving are one son, Wayne M. Rosselot of Leo; two granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Dr. Curtis Sylvester officiating. Burial will be in Parker Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be given to the St. Joseph United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, or to the Leo United Methodist Church.

Doris Cool

GARRETT — Doris I. Cool, 73, a former resident of Garrett, died May 7 in Leesburg, Fla. She had been a resident of Leesburg since 1981.

She was born Sept. 9, 1915 in Garrett to Victor and Edna (Bumgartner) Thomas. On Oct. 26, 1932 she married Raymond Cool in Coldwater, Mich. He died Dec. 25, 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Shirley Alles of Fort Wayne, and Sandra Bogema of Vicksburg, Mich.; one sister, Dorothy Fitzsimmons of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

A graveside memorial service will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett. There will be no visiting hours.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Fern Stover

GARRETT — Fern E. Stover, 71, was found dead in her home May 11.

She was a former employee of Ricke Corp., Auburn.

She was born April 4, 1918 in Branch County, Mich. to George and Maude (Smith) Teller.

Surviving are three sons, Bruce Teller, Angola; William Stover, Kimmell; and Stanley Stover, serving in the U.S. Army in Germany; one brother, Phillip Teller, Angola; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by stillborn twins and one daughter, Dorothy Soper.

Graveside services were Sunday in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County. Charles Davis officiated. Weicht Funeral Home of Angola was in charge of arrangements.

John Brinkman

John Charles Brinkman, 91, of Auburn died Thursday at 11 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, where he had resided since March 2, 1988.

He retired in 1962 as a conductor on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He had resided in Auburn since 1967, and previously lived in Garrett. He was a member of the Auburn Moose lodge.

He was born Aug. 12, 1897 in Chicago to the late Henry and Dora (Stopsack) Brinkman.

He is survived by three nieces, Juanita Rhoades and Betty Smith, both of Garrett, and Ruth Cuiler of Auburn; and one sister, Dorothy Schunk of Evansville.

One brother, Fred, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 5-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Rev. Tara Hombacker, pastor of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be given to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Dorothy Keister

ALBION — Dorothy M. Keister, 70, of Albion, died at 12:30 p.m. Friday at McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

Born Nov. 20, 1918 in Kendallville, she was the daughter of Earl and Bessie Sibert. She married Vance Keister on Nov. 20, 1937 in Albion. He died in 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Tony (Mary) Black of Albion; a brother, Kenneth Sibert of Avilla; and two grandchildren.

A son, Joe, died in 1952. She was also preceded in death by four brothers.

The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with Rev. Evelyn Myers officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling is at the funeral home from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

Phyllis Mountz

ST. CLAIR SHORES, Mich. — Phyllis E. Mountz, 82, of St. Clair Shores, Mich., died Wednesday at 5:08 p.m. in St. John's Hospital, Detroit.

She lived in Auburn before moving to Detroit 50 to 60 years ago. She was a retired clerk for the U.S. Post Office in Detroit, and a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Michigan.

She was born Aug. 27, 1906 in Auburn to the late Luther and Nellie (Sines) Chorpenning.

Surviving her are two sons, Wayne F. Mountz Jr. of St. Clair Shores and Robert L. Mountz of Idaho Falls, Iowa; one daughter, Ruth I. Wood of Yelm, Wash.; two sisters, Belva Gradeless of Newville and Erie Mae Groves of Indian River, Mich.; and 14 grandchildren.

One brother, Oakley, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Bruce Edwards of the Jehovah Witnesses Kingdom Hall, Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Dorothy Till

WATERLOO — Dorothy A. Till, 74, died Friday at 8:30 a.m. in Meadowhaven Nursing Home of Butler.

She was a former resident of 4048 County Road 28, Waterloo.

She was born Sept. 6, 1914 in Grant Township, near Waterloo, to Ora Crooks and Dorothy (Leahy) Crooks.

On Nov. 6, 1937 in Fort Wayne she married Carl Till. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Tom, of Waterloo; three daughters, Suzy Helfand of Houston, Texas, Judy Haney of Auburn, and Carol Kneubuhler of Auburn; one brother, Patrick Crooks of Churubusco; two sisters, Margaret Sockrider and Leoma Davidson, both of Auburn; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Till was preceded in death by one son, Richard, and two sisters.

She retired from Kitchen Quip of Waterloo in 1982 after 17 years. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and the DeKalb County Democrat Ladies Club. She was a former member of the Christian Women's Business Club and the Grant Township Home Ec Club.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo. The Rev. David Abel, pastor of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Charles Conrad

KENDALLVILLE — Charles E. Conrad, 69, of Auburn, died at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Kendallville Nursing Home. He had been ill six weeks.

Born June 6, 1919 in Albion, he was the son of Shirley and Flossie (Baker) Conrad. He moved to Auburn 15 years ago.

Mr. Conrad was a World War II veteran.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Phil (Dolores) Treesh of rural Kendallville, Mavis Fulford of Wawaka and Janice Fulford of Middlebury; a brother, Norman Conrad of Kendallville; and a sister-in-law, Izola McMiflen of Garrett.

Two brothers preceded him in death.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is at the funeral home from 4-8 p.m. Sunday.

Ruth Allen

ASHLEY — Ruth E. Allen, 84, formerly of Route 1, Ashley, died Friday afternoon at her home in Sebring, Fla.

Born in Hudson Nov. 7, 1904, she was the daughter of Ora and Della (Snyder) Libey. On May 10, 1931 in Hudson, she married Wendell C. Allen. He preceded her in death July 19, 1956.

Mrs. Allen had been a lifetime area resident until moving to Florida in 1975. She was a homemaker and member of Hudson United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church, Sebring, Fla.; UMW, Church Women United, Highland County, Fla., a chairman for Clothesline in Sebring, Nu-Hope, Highlands County, Fla., a volunteer for Sebring Health Care Center and active in Rainbow Hobby Club.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Roger (Marcia) Luttman of Sebring, Fla., Mrs. Don (Janice) Luttman of Hudson, and Mrs. Larry (Harriet) Armstrong of Raleigh, N.C.; a son, Donald Allen of North Webster; 12 grandchildren' four great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

One brother, Ralph Libey, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Kistler-Johnson Funeral Home of Ashley-Hudson, Hudson, with Rev. David Cornwell officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Golden Lake.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Pre-School for the Handicapped, Auburn.

Paul Shirely

ST. JOE — Paul C. Shirley, 74, of St. Joe died Thursday in his home.

He was a retired security guard for Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had lived in St. Joe for 15 years.

He was born March 23, 1915 in Woodburn to the late Orrin and Flora (Bolenbaugh) Shirely.

He married his wife, Marie, in 1955. She preceded him in death in December 1986.

He is survived by one sister, Opal LeCoque of Fort Wayne, and several nieces and nephews.

Four brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Rev. Alice Hupp, pastor of the First Christian Church of Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Pauline Baumgartner

SPENCERVILLE — Pauline Baumgartner, 87, died Saturday at 10:35 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Baumgartner had been a resident of the nursing home since October 1987. She was a former resident of Spencerville.

She was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church and the Eastern Star in Spencerville.

She was born June 30, 1901 in St. Joe.

She married Dr. Clyde R. Baumgartner, who died death May 30, 1977. One son, Richard, also preceded her in death.

No immediate relatives survive her.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church. Rev. Leonard Shaffer, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in White City Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children.

Ola Cole

FINDLAY, Ohio — Ola Mae Cole, 81, died Saturday at 2:15 a.m. in the Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay, Ohio.

She was the mother of Mrs. Raymond (Barbara) Van Horn, Auburn.

Mrs. Cole was a homemaker and a member of the Whorton Church of God in Whorton, Ohio.

She was born Oct. 21, 1907 in Wyandot County, Ohio to Harry J. and Lydia (Stannberry) Kennedy.

On Aug. 24, 1925, she married Albert C. Cole. He preceded her in death April 14, 1970.

Surviving are five sons, Donald of Whorton, Ohio; Melvin of Rawson, Ohio; Herbert of Avon Lake, Ohio; Foster of Mount Blanchard, Ohio; and Everett of New Castle, Ind.; four daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Barbara) Van Horn of Auburn; Mrs. Richard (Clarabelle) Van Horn of Celina, Ohio; and Annabelle Cole and Mrs. Edward (Carolyn) Thomas, both of Findlay; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Ralph (Virginia) Field of Whorton; one sister, Mrs. Alva (Ruby) Corbin of Whorton; 27 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Monday after 2 p.m. at Coldren-Crates Funeral Home, Findlay, or Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. at Whorton Church of God, Whorton, Ohio.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the church. Rev. Howard Ruley will officiate.

Burial will be in Whorton Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Whorton Church of God.

Esther Hampel

BUTLER — Esther D. Hampel, 82, of Walnut Street in Butler died Monday at 7:20 p.m. in Wells County Community Hospital, Bluffton.

Mrs. Hampel was a retired high school teacher. She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, the Forest Chapter No. 44 of the Order of Eastern Star, and Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority.

She was born April 13, 1907 in Morenci, Mich. to the late Frank and Ethel (Kiger) Parker.

She married Ferd V. Hampel, who preceded her in death in 1946.

Surviving her are one son, Dr. Charles T. Hampel of Butler; one brother, Frank Parker of San Diego, Calif.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Thursday in Butler United Methodist Church, at a time to be announced. The Rev. Russell Stevens of Hartford City, a former pastor at the church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Eastside Area Community Foundation.

Dorothy Treesh

GLENVIEW, Ill. — Dorothy L. Treesh, 50, of Glenview, Ill., died Monday in her home.

Mrs. Treesh was a former Auburn resident. She retired in 1986 as an office worker for Glenview Insurance Agency. She was an associate member of Tri Kappa.

She was born June 13, 1938 in Richland Township, DeKalb County, to Howard and Margaret (Meese) Dilley. Her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Robert Treesh on Feb. 18, 1973 in New Haven. He survives in Glenview.

Other survivors are one daughter, Ellen Schwartz, of Prospect Heights, Ill.; and two sisters, Helen Gerig of New Haven and Carolyn Sue Miller of Indianapolis.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Rev. Douglas Anderson, pastor of the Auburn United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the Tri Kappa Memorial fund or to the American Cancer Society.

Mary Jones

BUTLER — Mary E. (Pfister) Jones, 85, died Monday at her rural Butler home.

She was a homemaker and a 21-year resident of the Butler area.

She was born May 16, 1904 in Huntington County to John and Margaret (Bauer) Pfister.

She married John W. Jones May 8, 1928 in Huntington. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Alice J. Mayer of Butler; Mary Ann DeVille, Oakton, Va.; and Charlotte Harber, Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 5-9 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Butler. A rosary service will begin at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Thursday at 9 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio, where she was a member. Officiating will be Father Tom Ankenbrandt, pastor of St. Mary's church, and Father John Pfister, pastor of Our Lady of Assumption church, South Bend. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorial donations may be given to the St. Mary's School fund or to masses at the church.

Mary Jones

BUTLER — Services for Mary E. (Pfister) Jones will be Thursday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio, where she was a member.

Officiating will be Father Tom Ankenbrandt, pastor of St. Mary's church, and Father John Pfister, pastor of Our Lady of Assumption church, South Bend. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Edgerton.

Mrs. Jones, 85, died Monday at her rural Butler home. She was a homemaker and a 21-year resident of the Butler area.

She was born May 16, 1904 in Huntington County to John and Margaret (Bauer) Pfister.

She married John W. Jones May 8, 1928 in Huntington. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Alice J. Mayer of Butler; Mary Ann DeVille, Oakton, Va.; and Charlotte Harber, Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call tonight from 5-9 p.m. (Indiana time) at Johnson Funeral Home, Butler. A rosary service will begin at 7 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be given to the St. Mary's School fund or to masses at the church.

Esther Hampel

BUTLER — Services for Esther Hampel will be Thursday at 3 p.m. in Butler United Methodist Church.

Rev. Russell Stevens of Hartford City, a former pastor at the church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Mrs. Hampel, 82, of Walnut Street in Butler, died Monday at 7:20 p.m. in Wells County Community Hospital, Bluffton.

She was a retired high school teacher, and a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, Forest Chapter No. 44 of the Order of Eastern Star, and Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority.

She was born April 13, 1907 in Morenci, Mich. to the late Frank and Ethel (Kiger) Parker. She married Ferd V. Hampel, who preceded her in death in 1946.

Surviving her are one son, Dr. Charles T. Hampel of Butler; one brother, Frank Parker of San Diego, Calif.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler. Memorial donations may be given to the Eastside Area Community Foundation.

Raymond Alwood

NEW HAVEN — Raymond W. Alwood, 78, died Monday at 11:45 p.m. in the Byron Health Care Center, Fort Wayne.

He was a former Butler resident.

Mr. Alwood was a World War II army veteran, and had retired from the New York Central Railroad in 1978 after 32 years.

Surviving are his wife, Tracy of Manitou Beach, Mich.; three daughters, Sandra Durley of Manitou Beach, Mich., Clela Glass of Fort Wayne and Toni Godfrey of South Bend; three sisters, Rhoda Obendorf, Emily Tressler, and Margaret Alwood, all of Butler; two brothers, Howard of St. Joe and Samuel of Angola; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today, and one hour prior to service in E. Harper and Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

Services will be in the funeral home Thursday at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Crippled Children's Fund, South Bend.

Gladys Brinck

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Gladys Wildred Brinck, 93, died today at 1:35 a.m. in Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

She had resided at 122 Spencerville St., Hicksville, for 40 years. She graduated from Spencerville High School in 1915, and from Tri-State College in 1917. She was a teacher for several years in Indiana and Ohio.

She was a member of the Hicksville First Church of Christ, the Rosedale Club, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and G.A.L.A.

She was born Nov. 25, 1895 in DeKalb County to the late Roscoe and Myra (Hart) Conine.

She married Henry F. Brinck on May 14, 1925. He preceded her in death April 4, 1967.

She is survived by one daughter, Zildred Brenininger of Edgerton, Ohio; one son, Wilmer Brinck of Hicksville; one brother, Birch Ensor Conine of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and eight step-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday after 2 p.m. and Saturday after 9 a.m. (Ohio times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. (Ohio time) in the funeral home, with Ken Wellman and Clarence Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in Spindler Cemetery, Mark Township, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hicksville First Church of Christ, the Hicksville Unit for Crippled Children and Adults, or a charity of the donor's choice.

James Hatch

ST. JOE — James "Mississippi Flash" Hatch, 66, died Wednesday at 5:20 p.m. in Heritage Manor North Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

He was a former St. Joe resident.

He was born July 26, 1922 in Fort Wayne to Carl and Edith (Berry) Hatch. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are one sister, Jeanne Cardone of Fort Wayne, two nieces and one nephew.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe, with Rev. Leonard Shaffer officiating.

Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is in charge of arrangements. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be given to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Brittney Butler

GUAM — Brittney Anna Butler, 1 year old, died May 24 in her home in Guam.

She was born March 19, 1988 to Dean and Canice May (Clabaugh) Butler of the U.S. Air Force in Guam, who survive.

Also surviving are one sister, Amanda Allayne Butler, Guam; grandparents Gwendolyn Clabaugh, Garrett, and John and Laronda Lusk, Baytown, Texas; and several aunts and uncles, including Linda Ellert, Garrett, Calvin Clabaugh, Garrett, and Simon Clabaugh, Auburn.

Burial will be in Baytown, Texas.

John Stackhouse

ANGOLA — John H. Stackhouse, 75, died Thursday at 4:28 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Stackhouse was a retired maintenance employee for Moore Business Forms in Angola, and had been a farmer. He lived on Route 4, Angola.

He was born Sept. 26, 1914 in Corunna to Glenn and Hazel (Bordner) Stackhouse.

Survivors include his wife, Lois of Angola; one son, Lee of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Carol of Brownsville, Texas, and Mitzi Forrester of Angola; four brothers, Ralph and Dallas, both of Corunna, Ora of Plesant Lake, and William of Angola; one sister, Lois Wright of Orland, Ind.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Five brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Weicht's Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery, near Corunna.

M. Carl Ringler

KENDALLVILLE — M. Carl Ringler, 67, Route 1, Kendallville, died at 6:55 p.m. Thursday in Veterans Hospital, Fort Wayne, following an illness of 1½ years.

He was born May 27, 1921 in Wolcottville the son of Francis Warren and Laura H. (Sailors) Ringler. On July 20, 1974 he married Una Catherine "Susie" Musser. She survives.

Mr. Ringler was a lifetime area resident and was retired from farming and Starcraft.

He was a World War II Air Force veteran.

Surviving with his wife is a son, Dennis of Fond Du Luc, Wisc.; a daughter, Dawn Boese of Logansport; a stepson, Colin "Butch" Lash; five sisters, Helen Busk of Reed City, Mich., Violet A. Wood of LaGrange, Nila Burkey of Dallas Lake, Laura Bowdish of Sturgis, Mich., and M. Joan Rossman of Michigan; five brothers, Francis of Florida, Chancey of St. Joe, Warren of Auburn, Paul of Paulding, Ohio, and Donald of Wolcottville; and seven grandchildren.

A stepdaughter, Connie Chaney, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Rev. Fred Libby of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Father Eugene Zimmerman

WATERLOO — Father Eugene John Zimmerman, 73, died Monday at 5:22 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Father Zimmerman was pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. Funeral arrangments are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Father J. Eugene Zimmerman

WATERLOO — Father J. Eugene Zimmerman, 73, died Monday at 5:22 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had been pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, since 1982.

The Rev. Zimmerman was ordained into the priesthood May 30, 1942 at the cathedral in Fort Wayne by Bishop John F. Noll. He attended St. Joseph College and St. Meinrad Seminary.

His first parish assignment was in Logansport at St. Joseph's Church. In 1944, he became assistant at the cathedral in Fort Wayne, and was made administrator there in 1956. During that thime, he also served as chaplain at St. Vincent's Villa, Fort Wayne, and as spiritual director of Central Catholic High Scholl and diocesan director of CYO and CYA activities.

In 1958, he was appointed to work with the diocesan vocational director. He became chaplain to Catholic students at Indiana Technical College in 1959.

He had been a pastor at Pierceton and the mission in Syracuse, and in Wabash, before he became the 18th pastor at St. Michael's in Waterloo.

He was born Dec. 23, 1915 in Aurora, Ind., to John Albert Zimmerman and Veronica Louise (Schetter) Zimmerman. They are deceased.

Surviving are two brothers, F. Joseph Zimmerman of Crown Point and Frank Mathew Zimmerman of Ocala, Fla.; one sister, Dorothy Marie Zimmerman of Milwaukee; and several nieces and nephews.

One brother and one sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 1-9 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m.-noon at St. Michael's Catholic Church, north of Waterloo. A rosary service will begin Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Services will be in the church at noon Friday. Bishop John D'Arcy of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese will be the principal celebrant of the funeral liturgy, and the funeral homily will be preached by Father James O'Connor, pastor of St. Henry Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations to masses at the church are preferred.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Maude Simmons

ANGOLA — Maude K. Simmons, 95, died Friday at 5:30 p.m. in Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Simmons was a retired stenographer for the Pennsylvania Highway Department. She was a member of the Episcopal Church of Harrisburg, Pa., the Angola Garden Club, and the Order of the Eastern Star, Harrisburg.

She was born Oct. 10, 1893 in Middletown, Pa., to Charles and Clara (Schuler) Kramer.

She married Charles Simmons in Harrisburg on July 19, 1913. He died in July, 1953.

Surviving are one daughter, Margaret Southern of Auburn; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were today at 10 a.m. in Harrisburg Cemetery. McComb, Dilgard, and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn was in charge of local arrangements.

Herman Patterson

WATERLOO — Herman E. Patterson, 47, Cedar Creek Village Trailer Court, died at his residence Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. He had been suffering from cancer.

He was a 15-year DeKalb County resident who worked as a laborer at Tri-Dent Hydraulic Fittings in Hicksville, Ohio.

He was born in Navarre, Ohio, April 30, 1942, to Curtis F. and Emma V. (Gelmini) Patterson.

Surviving are his stepfather and mother, Hyman and Emma Barenfeld, of Hamilton; a son, Herman Patterson, of Blytheville, Ark.; seven daughters, Janie Gams, Waterloo; Janet Roark, Auburn; Brandy Ford, Amy Patterson, and Kim Wakefield, all of Arkansas; Debbie Patterson, of Georgia; and Ginger Patterson, of Washington state; a brother, George Patterson, Massillon, Ohio; two sisters, Jane of Ohio, and Betty of Florida; and 14 grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be in the funeral home Friday at 11 a.m. with Rev. Alice Hupp, pastor of the First Christian Church, Auburn, officiating.

Mary Kirschner

AUBURN — Memorial and graveside services for Mary (Henning) Kirschner, who died Aug. 16, 1988 in New Mexico, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Mrs. Kirschner grew up in Columbia City and had been a librarian in both Auburn and Kendallville.

Annabelle Grogg

Annabelle Grogg, 76, died Thursday at 9:15 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a retired loan officer for Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Co., Fort Wayne, with 15 years of service.

She was a member of the Maryvale Church of the Nazarene in Phoenix, Ariz., where she had resided before moving to Auburn one year ago.

She was born Feb. 22, 1913 in Miami County near Peru, Ind., to the late Floyd C. and Jessie E. (Webb) Grogg.

Surviving her are one brother, Robert C. Grogg of San Diego, Calif.; and one sister, Mrs. Eugene (Mary) Dillman of Auburn.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. G.A. Parker, pastor of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Memorial donations made be made to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Agnes Beard

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Agnes I. Beard, 85, died today at 2:40 a.m. in Fountain Manor Nursing Care Center, Hicksville, where she had resided since May 2.

She had lived at 104 Maple St., Hicksville since 1972. She previously lived on farms in the Newville, Ind., and Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio, areas.

She was a member of the Farmer Union Church and the Loyal Workers Club.

She was born Aug. 2, 1903 in Hicksville to the late Charles and Althysa (Lindsey) Reas.

She married Preston Beard in 1923. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Cletus (Helen) Mavis of Farmer, Ohio, and Mrs. Leighton (Lois) Fritz of Hamilton; one sister, Verna Breininger of Decatur, Ill.; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

One grandson preceded her in death.

Friends may call at the Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville Saturday after 2 p.m. and Sunday after 10 a.m. (Ohio times).

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Roger Ashley, pastor of the Farmer Union Church, officiating. Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery, Farmer, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be given to the church or to the Defiance County Heart Association.

Inez Lock

Inez May Lock, 90, died Thursday at 1 p.m. in Meadowhaven Nursing Home, Butler.

Mrs. Lock had lived at 1410 Urban Ave., Auburn. She had been a homemaker, and a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

She was born May 16, 1899 in Carterville, Ill. to Monroe and Ella Stocks.

She married Floyd Lock on Dec. 30, 1935. He died July 13, 1970.

Surviving are one son, William of Waterloo; and two grandchildren, John and Ann Lock, both of Waterloo.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 7-9 p.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Rev. Don Dennison, pastor of the Indian Village Church of God, will officiate. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be presented to the Indian Village Church of God.

Arthur Culbertson

Arthur Lewis Culbertson, 61, died Friday at 6 a.m. in his home at Melbourne Beach, Fla.

He also had a home at 4597 County Road 45, Auburn.

He was founder and president of Culbertson Plastics, with plants at Miami and Palm Coast, Fla.

He was born Nov. 29, 1927 in DeKalb County to Ross and Agnes Helen (Leis) Culbertson. His mother survives.

He married Carol Rosenbury, who also survives.

Other survivors are a son, Stephen Lewis Culbertson, of Flagler Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Susan Denmark, Homosassa, Fla.; three brothers, Donald of St. Joe, Richard of Auburn, and Eugene of Syracuse, Ind.; two sisters, DeEtta Close, Auburn, and Wilma Beuchel, Angola; and five grandchildren.

One brother, Paul, preceded him in death.

Mr. Culbertson was a member of the Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church, South Melbourne Beach, Fla.

He was past president of the Society of Plastics and Engineers for the state of Florida. He also was a member of the Auburn Moose lodge.

He was a veteran of the United States Army of occupation in China after World War II.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, near Butler. The Rev. John Denmark, his son-in-law, and the Rev. Nancy Schoff, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Memorial donations may be made to the DeKalb County Hospice of Hope.

Local women's father killed

FORT WAYNE — The father of two DeKalb County women was found shot to death in his car early Sunday on Fort Wayne's northwest side.

Ned A. Brand, 50, of 3919 Arlington Ave., was found slumped toward the passenger side of his 1988 Ford Escort by Jerry Dobbins, a driver for the Checker Cab Co. Brand's car was parked in the 700 block of Cass Street.

Dobbins said he had stopped by the Wells Street bridge over the St. Mary's River to check the rising waters, and he spotted broken glass around Brand's car. He called police after finding the body at 4:50 a.m.

Brand was the father of Joanne Hinman, 31 of Corunna, and Jeanne Smith, 28, of Waterloo. His obituary appears in today's edition.

A Fort Wayne Police Department spokeswoman said Brand had suffered several gunshot wounds, possibly fired from a 9 mm weapon. An autopsy was completed Sunday morning at the St. Joseph Medical Center, but results were not be available this morning.

Fort Wayne homicide detectives are searching for a suspects and a motive.

Ned Brand

FORT WAYNE — Ned A. Brand, 50, was found shot to death on Cass Street in Fort Wayne early Sunday morning (see page A2 for story).

Mr. Brand had lived at 3919 Arlington Ave., Fort Wayne. He was half-owner of Brothers of the Shears Barber & Style Shop in New Haven for 16 years. He had been a barber for 30 years.

He was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, and was on the board of directors for the Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 30, 1938 in Fairfield Township, near Ashley, to Buford and Catherine (Drerup) Brand. His mother survives in Ashley.

He married Delores Madajewski on Feb. 10, 1957. They divorced in 1963.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Eric (Jo) Hinman of Corunna and Mrs. Stan (Jeanne) Smith of Waterloo; one brother, Larry of Ashley; two sisters, Sue Smith of Waterloo and Shirley Lawson of Scottsdale, Ariz.; three grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Memorial donations may be presented to the cancer fund in memory of Buford Brand, Mr. Brand's father.

Bessie Duncan

ASHLEY — Bessie M. Duncan, 89, of 415 E. State St., Ashley, died at 9:55 p.m. Saturday at Meadow Haven Health Care Center, Butler.

She was born in Hudson, June 12, 1899 the daughter of William and Jennie (Rohm) Zongker. Her husband, Hugh Duncan, preceded her in death Nov. 20, 1968.

Mrs. Duncan was a lifetime Ashley area resident and a homemaker.

Surviving are a niece, Arlene Easterday of Winter Haven, Fla.; a nephew, Dallas Zonkers of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and a sister-in-law, Florence Zongker of Winter Haven, Fla.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Terry Altman

BIG PINE KEY, Fla. — Terry Altman, 38, died Friday at 3 p.m. in his home in Big Pine Key, Fla.

Mr. Altman was a special agent and supervisor for the U.S. Customs Department. He had been employed by the federal government since 1972.

He was a 1968 graduate of DeKalb High School and a 1972 graduate of Indiana University. He was a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church and the Auburn American Legion.

He was born Nov. 9, 1950 in Auburn to Arden "Tiny" and Betty (Armstrong) Altman. His father preceded him in death March 17, 1972. His mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. Jeff (Tina) Johnson of Auburn, paternal grandparents Delvin and Delight Armstrong of Auburn, one nephew, Nicholas Johnson, and one niece, Lindsey Johnson, both of Auburn.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Rev. Douglas Anderson, pastor of the Auburn United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the DeKalb County Drug Task Force Unit.

Miriam Souder

GARRETT — Miriam M. Souder, 87, died Saturday at 9:08 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, the Viginti-Matra, and the Harmony Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

She was born Oct. 27, 1901, in Butler to the late Eugene and Oma (Skelton) Bryant.

She married Ora Souder on June 3, 1920 in Waterloo. He preceded her in death Dec. 23, 1986.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond of Garrett and Allen of Paulding, Ohio; two daughters, Eleanor Seidel of Fort Wayne and Virginia Livergood of Wabash, Ind.; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Charles; one daughter, Edwinna Mae; and two brothers, James and Raymond.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer, pastor of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the church elevator fund.

Willard Place

FORT WAYNE — Willard R. "Jack" Place, 84, died at 7:01 p.m. Saturday in Humana Hospital in Daytona, Fla. He was a retired car salesman.

Surviving are his wife, Clare; a daughter, Mary Helen McClellan of Columbia City; two sisters, Dorothy Blakesly of Ashley, and Bessie Frederick of Fort Wayne; and one grandchild.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, Ohio.

Terry Altman

Services for Terry Altman will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

The Rev. Douglas Anderson, pastor of Auburn First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Altman, 38, died Friday at 3 p.m. at his home in Big Pine Key, Fla. He was a special agent and supervisor for the U.S. Customs Department. He had been employed by the federal government since 1972.

He was a 1968 graduate of DeKalb High School and a 1972 graduate of Indiana University. He was a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church and the Auburn post of the American Legion.

He was born Nov. 9, 1950 in Auburn to Arden "Tiny" and Betty (Armstrong) Altman. His father preceded him in death March 17, 1972. His mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. Jeff (Tina) Johnson of Auburn, paternal grandparents, Delvin and Delight Armstrong of Auburn; one nephew, Nicholas Johnson, and one niece, Lindsey Johnson, both of Auburn.

Memorial donations may be sent to the DeKalb County Drug Task Force Unit.

Frank Wagner

ANGOLA — Frank C. Wagner, 86, died Tuesday at 10 p.m. in Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

He formerly lived at 209 Henry St., Angola, and in DeKalb County. He retired from Warner Gear in Auburn in 1971 with 17 years of service.

He was born Jan. 28, 1903 in DeKalb County to the late Clarence and Lottie (Walters) Wagner.

He married Mable Wagoner on Oct. 3, 1930 in Hobart, Ind. She survives.

Other survivors are two sons, Jack Wagner of Ephrata, Pa., and Robert Wagner of Attica, Ohio; two daughters, Linda Chapman of Angola and Laura Smith of Mesa, Ariz.; one sister, Dorothy Dirr of Hamilton; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Dr Robert Koenig, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Angola, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials donations to the church are preferred.

Wanda Decker

AUBURN — Wanda D. (Runge) Decker, 73, died Tuesday at 1 a.m. in her home at Conover, N.C.

Mrs. Decker was a lifetime resident of Auburn who retired from Dana Corp. in 1972.

She was born Aug. 5, 1915 in Wolcottville to Walter and Bessie (Zimmerman) Reynolds.

She was married April 1, 1934 in Auburn to Arthur P. Runge, who preceded her in death Nov. 19, 1971.

She was remarried Sept. 12, 1973 in Auburn to Clem Decker, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Suzanne Wolfe, Columbia City; a nephew, Jim Reynolds, Canton, Ohio; an aunt, Anna Dietrich of Butler; a cousin, Barbara Hoffmeyer of Auburn; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A son, Steven L. Runge, and a brother, Melvin Reynolds, preceded her in death.

There will be no funeral service. Mrs. Decker donated her body to science.

John Hinsey

ANGOLA — John A. Hinsey, 84, died Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in his home on Lake Gage.

He lived in Auburn until 1955, when he moved to Lake Gage. He was a machinist at Warner Gear from 1934 until 1955, when he became a self-employed general contractor. He retired in 1979.

He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Angola and its Holy Name Society.

He was born Oct. 8, 1904 in Auburn to the late Albert J. and Cecelia E. (Daoust) Hinsey.

He married Agnes O. Grobis on June 9, 1928 in Peru, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mary Ann Jolin and Agnes Marie Hinsey, both of Angola; five sisters, Beatrice Butler, Bernadette Zegenfus, and Margaret Kolkman, all of Auburn, and Cecelia Schoppman and Irene Niedermeyer, both of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and three adopted grandchildren.

One brother, Edward, and two sisters, Mamie Hollis and Agnes Clark, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. A rosary service will be held Friday evening in the funeral home.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Conrad Schweibold officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery at Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Lung Association or as masses to the church.

Monica Dunn

WATERLOO — A graveside memorial service for Monica M. Dunn, 71, will be Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery. Father Matthew Lange will officiate.

Mrs. Dunn died Dec. 23, 1988 in Waterman Hospital at Eustis, Fla. She was a former resident of Waterloo and a former manager of the Auburn License Bureau.

She was born May 1, 1917 in Waterloo to Augustine and Anna (Reinig) Schiffli. She married Russell Dunn on Oct. 3, 1942 in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death in 1972.

Surviving are two sisters, Catherine Miller of Waterloo, and Josephine Miller of Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Two sisters preceded her in death.

Memorial donations may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Vera Sewell

MISHAWAKA — Vera M. Sewell, 87, died Tuesday evening in the Countryside Nursing Home, Mishawaka.

She had been a teacher in Waterloo and Butler schools, as well as in Hammond and Pittsburgh. She was the homecoming queen at Indiana University in 1919, and graduated from the university in the same year.

She was born June 20, 1901 in Waterloo. James Heighn was her father, but her mother's name is not known.

She married Robert Sewell, who died in 1961.

Surviving are two cousins, Richard Heighn of Mishawaka and Earleen Gehring of Kendallville.

Graveside services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Jack Taylor

LAGRANGE — Jack E. Taylor, 60, of Route 3, LaGrange, died at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at his residence from an apparent heart attack.

He was born May 22, 1929 in Indianapolis, the son of Vernon and Aletha (Fall) Taylor. His father resides in Hudson. On June 16, 1951 in LaGrange, he married Carolyn L. Talmage, who also survives.

Mr. Taylor, a retired farmer, was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member East Springfield United Methodist Church, of which he was vice chairman of the board of trustees and Plato Men's Club.

Surviving with his wife and father are a daughter, Mrs. Scott (Joyce E.) Shultz of Hudson; two sons, Richard C. and Rodney P. Taylor, both of LaGrange; two sisters, Mrs. J.T. (Judith) Moore of Galesburg, Ill., and Ruth Avery of Hudson; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in East Springfield United Methodist Church with Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4-9 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

Preferred memorials are to the Church of the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Mary Strow

WATERLOO - Mary Fae Strow, 92, of Waterloo, died Thursday at 4:52 p.m. in Meadowhaven Nursing Home, Butler.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Maple Grove United Methodist Church, near Auburn. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, near Corunna.

Friends may call from 4-8:30 p.m. Sunday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Memorial contributions may be made to Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

After attending Tri-State College and receiving a teaching license, she taught at Hessen Cassel and at Cedar Lake schools in DeKalb County. She was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church, the Ladies Aid Society, and the Help and Be Helped Club.

She was born March 5, 1897, as Mary Fae Miser. Her parents were William and Polly (Seibert) Miser. They are deceased.

After her marriage to Russell J. Strow on Dec. 30, 1919, they worked a lifetime together on their farm, three miles west of Waterloo. Her daughter said she was eternally dedicated to her husband, her family and her church.

Her husband, Russell, died in 1982. One daughter, Norva, died in 1958.

Surviving are a daughter, Lorene Stoneburner of New Carlisle, Ind.; three granddaughters, Sue Altimas of Waterloo, Claudia Estep of Rolling Prairie, Ind., and Charlene Postigo of Minneapolis, Minn.; two grandsons, Don Stoneburner of Fort Wayne and Kenneth Martin of Ligonier; 11 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Ethel Warner

GARRETT — Ethel M. Warner, 86, died Thursday at 9:36 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and the Viginti Matre society.

She was born Feb. 26, 1903 in Waterloo to the late Elmer and Gertrude (Rhea) Button.

She married Vern Warner in 1918 in Angola. He preceded her in death in August 1974.

Surviving are one daughter, Ila Heisler of Garrett; two sons, Richard of Auburn and Arthur of Columbia, S.C.; one sister, Ruth Freeman of Garrett; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Robert, and one sister, Hazel Seidel, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Jack Newell, pastor of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be given to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Glenn 'Dick' Lewis

WATERLOO — Glenn R. "Dick" Lewis, 61, died Thursday at 4:10 p.m. in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Fort Wayne.

He was a former employee of County Line Cheese Co. and a Army veteran of World War II.

He was born Nov. 6, 1927 in Waterloo. His father, Fred Lewis, preceded him in death. His mother, Livina (Oberlin) Knostman, survives in Waterloo.

He married Juanita Price, who preceded him in death in 1974.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are a son, Joe, and a daughter, Nancy Harmon, both of Waterloo; two brothers, Lennus of Waterloo, and Roger of Battle Creek, Mich.; a sister, Ivadell Dirrim, Waterloo; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Robert James will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Waterloo post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, where Mr. Lewis was a member.

Donald Carver

KENDALLVILLE — Donald D. Carver, 63, died at 6 a.m. Thursday in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. He had been ill several years.

Mr. Carver had lived at 819 S. State St., Kendallville. He was a body and fender man and member of the National Campers and Hikers Association, the Noble County Chain Links, and the Eagles Lodge. He had served in the Merchant Marines.

He was born Sept. 28, 1925 in Akron, Ohio, to Theodore and Ruth (Swartzlander) Carver. They are deceased.

He married Louise Carver.

Surviving are two stepsons, Phillip Weimer of Kendallville and Grover Yontz of Avilla; five stepdaughters, Joyce Conrad and Cindy Hill, both of Davenport, Fla.; Marlou Crisp of Milpitas, Calif.; Sue Barth of Auburn, and Deborah Allen of Kendallville; 13 stepgrandchildren, and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

There are no services or visitation.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

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Carl Weisz

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Carl A. Weisz, 93, of 126 Oak Park Drive, Hicksville, died Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in his home.

He was a lifelong farmer, a World War I veteran, and a member of the Union United Methodist Church, Farmer, Ohio.

He was born Aug. 13, 1895 in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio, to the late William and Christiana Weisz.

He married Pluma B. Fitzcharles in Edgerton, Ohio, on May 2, 1918. She preceded him in death July 22, 1983.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Verl (Letha) Provines of Butler, Mrs. Elton (Bernice) Bowling Green, Ohio, Mrs. Edwin (Marian) Maugel of Farmer, Ohio, and Mrs. William (Velma) Osmun of Orlando, Fla.; one brother, Elmer Weisz of Edgerton, Ohio; two sisters, Lillian Lung of Butler and Esther Hull of Edgerton; 10 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today after 2 p.m. and Tuesday after 9 a.m. (Ohio times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. (Ohio time) in the funeral home, with Rev. Roger Ashley, pastor of the Farmer Union United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery, Farmer, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be made to the church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Maria Garavaglia

DETROIT — Maria Garavaglia, 99, died Monday in St. John's Hospital, Detroit.

Mrs. Garavaglia had been a homemaker, and a member of the Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Detroit.

She was born in Italy. Her husband, Peter, is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Frank of Auburn and Angelo of Detroit; five grandchildren, including Dianne Souder of Auburn; six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 2:30-9 p.m. today and 1-9 p.m. Wednesday in the Frank J. Calcaterra Funeral Home, 16090 East Seven Mile Road, Detroit.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Burial Father Charles Dautremont, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in the St. Mary's Cemetery, Muskegon Heights.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Sierra Foundation.

George Keeslar

ORLAND — George L. Keeslar, 77, died over the weekend at his home.

He was a retired accountant and farmer.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; three sons, Joseph of Murray, Ky., James of LaGrange and Steven of Hamilton; two sisters; two brothers, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Calling is from 6 to 9 p.m. today.

Memorial are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Gideon International.

Ida Derrow

Ida B. Derrow, 81, of Auburn, died Saturday at 12:31 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She had been a patient there for one week.

Mrs. Derrow was a homemaker, a member of the American War Mothers, and a volunteer at the Veterans Admistration hospital.

She was born June 7, 1908 in St. Joe to LeRoy and Mary (Springer) Kinsey.

She married J. Earl Derrow May 28, 1927 in Auburn. He died Sept. 18, 1982.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. Donald Derrow of Auburn, and Robert Derrow of Menomonee Falls, Wis., eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Helen L., and a sister, Marie, preceded her in death.

Services were today in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Rev. Hoyt Byrum, pastor of Auburn Presbyterian Church, officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the youth music ministry at Auburn Presbyterian Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Frank Stariha

Frank R. Stariha, 88, died Saturday evening in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He had been a lifetime resident of Muskegon, Mich. until moving to Auburn last year.

He was born Dec. 6, 1900 in Ely, Minn. to Joseph and Agnes (Bucher) Stariha.

He was married Feb. 14, 1976 to Gladys Stadtfeld, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons and three daughters, including Mrs. Helen Ward of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Lee Funeral Home, Muskegon Heights, Mich.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muskegon Heights.

Wayne Morrill

FORT WAYNE — Wayne J. Morrill, 88, died Monday in Lutheran Hospital.

He was the president and founder of Electric Motors and Specialties in Garrett, and Morrill Motors in Fort Wayne. Both companies manufacture small electric motors.

Mr. Morrill founded M & S Electric at Fort Wayne in 1943, to produce materials for World War II. He previously had worked 19 years as a design engineer for General Electric Co.

He bought M & S Electric from a partner after the war and renamed it Morrill Motors. He started the Garrett company in 1946.

Mr. Morrill was a native of Lansing, Mich. He held an honorary doctor's degree from Purdue University.

He is survived by his wife, Judith A.; a daughter, Caralyn Menor of Fort Wayne; two sons, Giles W. of Johnson City, Tenn., and William J. of Fort Wayne; and 13 grandchildren.

Services were today in Fort Wayne, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Terry Buchanan Jr.

CHURUBUSCO — Terry Lee Buchanan Jr., 22, died Tuesday morning in an automobile accident near Leo.

He had been employed by R.D. Kelly Heating & Air Conditioning Co., Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Tracy; a son, Erick of St. Joe; a stepson, Josua Ferrell of St. Joe; a stepdaughter, Falisha Ferrell of St. Joe; his father, Terry Sr. of Albion; his mother and stepfather, Marlene and William Kuehn of Terre Haute; a brother; his grandmothers, Berniece Buchanan and Helen Hoover, both of Churubusco; and a great-grandmother, Flossie Catellier of Churubusco.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets Funeral Home. Calling from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

James Russell

James Robert Russell, 69, died Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at his home in Auburn.

He retired in 1982 from the B & O Railroad at Garrett. He had worked as a fireman and engineer since 1941.

He was born Dec. 13, 1919 in Garrett to Dale and Violet (Wiler) Russell. Both parents are deceased.

He married Betty Kester in Garrett on May 13, 1942. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Albert (Jeanette) Wright, Auburn; one sister, Lois Madden, Fort Wayne; two granddaughters, Debra Sue Wright and Tina Marie Wright, both of Auburn; and one great-granddaughter, Nicole Marie Wright.

Two sisters preceded him in death.

He was a member of Garrett United Methodist Church, the Auburn Moose lodge, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Larry Park

Larry Arnold Park, 56, died Wednesday at 6:52 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Park had lived at 1614 Pennsylvania Ave., Auburn, and had worked at Rieke Corp. since June 23, 1970. He was a veteran of the Korean War, and a member of the Auburn Alliance Church and the Rieke Athletic Association.

He was born June 3, 1933 in Fort Wayne. His father was the late Raymond Park. His mother, Flossie (Ridenour) Stevenson, survives in Columbia City.

He married Judy Stebing on July 5, 1979. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons, Larry II and Tim, both of Auburn, and Jeff of New Orleans; one daughter, Tenena Park of Auburn; four brothers, James and Jerry, both of Fort Wayne, Harold of Virginia and Bill "Bud" of Missouri; four sisters, Catherine Spice of Fremont, Elaine Sparks of Columbia City, and Lynn Park and Phyllis Bauer, both of Fort Wayne; eight stepchildren, Jesse Chagoya, Kathy Timmerman, Bill Chagoya, Sue Moore, John Steckley and Ron Steckley, all of Auburn, Rick Steckley of Garrett and Leilani Smith of Indianapolis; two grandchildren, and 13 stepgrandchildren.

Friends may call at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, Sunday from 4-8 p.m.

Services will be in the funeral home Monday at 11 a.m. The Rev. Jim Caister, pastor of Auburn Alliance Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Auburn Evening Star Obituaries – Friday –June 16, 1989

Jacob Wickey

SHIPSHEWANA — Jacob S. Wickey, 93, Shipshewana, died at 2 p.m. Thursday at the home of Maynard L. Miller near Topeka, during the wedding of his great-granddaughter.

He was born July 8, 1895 in Berne. On April 1, 1919, he married Susan Miller. She died in August 1955. He married Susan Mast in LaGrange on Dec. 22, 1957. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Barbara Ann Chupp of Goshen; four sons, Amos J. and Samuel J. Wickey, both of Shipshewana, John J. Wickey of Arcadia, Fla., and Perry J. Wickey of Sarasota, Fla.; two sisters, Anna Hochstetler of LaGrange, and Barbara Swartz of Nottawa, Mich.; two brothers, August Wickey of Burr Oak, Mich. and David Wickey of Norfolk, N.Y.; 19 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the home of Melvin Schlabach, Route 4, LaGrange, with Menno Yoder officiating. Calling will be after 5 p.m. today at the home of his son, Amos Wickey, 3/4 mile west of Ind. 5 on U.S. 20. Arrangements were handled by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery on C.R. 250W at 300S.

Larry Park

Services for Larry Arnold Park, 56, will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

The Rev. Jim Calster, pastor of Auburn Alliance Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday from 4-8 p.m.

Mr. Park died Wednesday at 6:52 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had lived at 1614 Pennsylvania Ave., Auburn, and had worked at Ricke Corp. since June 23, 1970. He was a veteran of the Korean War, and a member of the Auburn Alliance Church and the Ricke Athletic Association.

He was born June 3, 1933 in Fort Wayne. His father, Raymond Park, preceded him in death. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Jim and Flossie Stevenson of Columbia City.

He married Judy Stebing on July 5, 1979. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons, Larry II and Tim, both of Auburn, and Jeff of New Orleans; one daughter, Tenena Park of Auburn; four brothers, James and Jerry, both of Fort Wayne, Harold of Virginia and Bill "Bud" of Missouri; four sisters, Catherine Spice of Fremont, Elaine Sparks of Columbia City, and Lynn Park and Phyllis Bauer, both of Fort Wayne; eight stepchildren, Jesse Chagoya, Kathy Timmerman, Bill Chagoya, Sue Moore, John Steckley and Ron Steckley, all of Auburn, Rick Steckley of Garrett and Leilani Smith of Indianapolis; two grandchildren, and 13 stepgrandchildren.

Auburn Evening Star Obituaries – Monday –June 19, 1989

Pauline Taylor

FORT WAYNE — Pauline M. Taylor, 64, died at 9:40 a.m. Friday in St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima, Ohio. She was a native of Morgantown, W.Va. and had lived in Elida, Ohio 17 years.

Surviving are her husband, David; her mother, Edna Mae McBee of Morgantown; two daughters, Sylvia Davis of Kendallville, and Gladys Dye of Fort Wayne; two sons, Charles L. Willard of Auburn, and Clayton McBee of Findlay, Ohio; five sisters, Ruby Hartley of Grafton, W.Va., Connie Dias, June Andrews and Lottie Hixenbaugh, all of Morgantown, and Martha Grover of Fort Wayne; a brother, Doyle McBee of Morgantown; and nine grandchildren.

Services were today in Fort Wayne, with burial in Highland Park Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Thomas Wilondek

GARRETT — Thomas E. Wilondek, 69, died Friday at 2:47 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A lifelong Garrett resident, Mr. Wilondek was a conductor for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 39 years. He retired in 1982.

He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elks Lodge, and the Eagles Lodge.

He was born Dec. 10, 1919 in Garrett to the late Josef and Mary (Mololepsza) Wilondek.

He married Virginia Kammerer on Oct. 17, 1940 in Garrett. She survives.

Other survivors include one son, Nate of Defiance, Ohio; one brother, Bernard of Kendallville; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

One sister, Ella Nora DeWitt, preceded him in death.

Private graveside services were held Saturday in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. McKee-Miles Funeral Home of Garrett was in charge of arrangements.

Theodore Winslow

Theodore W. Winslow, 63, died Sunday at 3 a.m. in his rural Auburn home.

Mr. Winslow was retired from the DeKalb County Highway Department.

He was born July 31, 1925 in Tacoma, Wash. to Theodore and Maude (Montaney) Winslow Sr. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Puyallup, Wash.

On Dec. 17, 1965 he married Dorothy Bricker in Wrangell, Alaska. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Terry Davenport and Tedi Sims, both of Wrangell, Alaska; Vicky Anderson of LaPorte, Ind.; Michelle Hodges of Leominster, Mass.; and Teckla Willis of Greenwood, Ind.; three sisters, Fern Steltz and Leola Goodier of Puyallup, Wash. and Lavina Peterson of Montesano, Wash.; and 11 grandchildren.

Friends may call Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, 1800 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Richard Harris, of the Springville (Ind.) Free Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be sent to DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

James Gibson 6-21-89

FINDLAY, Ohio — James Gibson of 4277 C.R. 220, Lot 25, Findlay, Ohio, died at 10:25 p.m., June 15 in Bluffton Community Hospital.

He was born March 19, 1939 in Garrett, Ky., the son of Noah O. and Frances (Conley) Gibson. On Oct. 13, 1981, he married Frances Feasel, who survives.

Mr. Gibson was a former heavy equipment operation.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Jamie Gibson of Tiffin, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Peggy Greaney of Tiffin, and Cynthia Dunn of Fostoria, Ohio; four stepsons, Mark Feasel of Findlay, Rusty Feasel of Fostoria, Rick Feasel of Bellevue, Ohio, and Darl Feasel of Waveland, Miss; two brothers, David Gibson of Brimfield, and Kenneth Morris Gibson of West Germany; and eight sisters, Mrs. Cecil (Helen) Zimmerman of Brimfield, Mrs. Gene (Ruby) McCoy of Avilla, Stella Howe of Waterloo, Patsy Patton of Butler, Nella Mae Jackson of Gainsville, Texas, Mrs. Robert (Della Faye) Ruff of Turtle Lake, Wis., Thelma Jean Gingrich of Garrett, and Mrs. Frank (Rosa Lea) Wood of Angola.

Four brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services were Monday with burial in Van Buren Cemetery, Hancock County, Ohio.

James Sobieski

GARRETT — James M. Sobieski, 69, died today at 12:36 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He retired in 1978 with 37 years of service as a conductor for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He had resided in Garrett since 1947.

He was a World War II Army veteran, and a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Garrett post of the American Legion.

He was born May 19, 1920 in Otis, Ind. to the late Mathew and Mamie (Dreyer) Sobieski.

He married Alice Smith on Aug. 23, 1947 in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Daniel of Walnut, Calif.; two daughters, Debra Kiefer of Fort Wayne and Roxane Sturges of Garrett; one sister, Joan Sobieski of Kendallville; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Margaret Marie Sobieski; one brother, William Sobieski; one sister, Juanita Hursey; and one grandchild.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A wake service will begin Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Jerry Konecny officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Auburn Evening Star Obituaries – Thursday –June 22, 1989

Orley Smith

CORUNNA — Orley D. Smith, 65, of Route 1, Corunna, died at 2:30 a.m. today in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health four years.

He was born in Corunna Oct. 7, 1923, the son of Orley and Helen (Laisure) Smith Sr. On April 3, 1948 in Corunna, he married Maralene Kennedy, who survives.

Mr. Smith was self-employed in maintenance and was a member of Soul's Harbor Assembly Church of God in Auburn, and Garrett F. & A.M.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Mrs. Philip (Cynthia) Arnett of Corunna, Mrs. Rodney (Kathryn) Butler of Kendallville, Sherry E. Smith of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Keith (Kelley) Likes of Butler; three sons, Larry Smith Sr. of Auburn, Matthew and Mark Smith of Corunna; a brother, Richard Smith of Kendallville; and 12 grandchildren.

One son, Orley, preceded him in death in 1961.

Services will be at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville at 1 p.m. Saturday, with Rev. Eli Zarrow officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Bertha Warstler

HUDSON — Bertha L. Warstler, 95, of Route 1, Hudson, died Monday at 9:04 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born March 16, 1894, east of Helmer to George and Mercy Ellen (Van Pelt) Kunce. She had lived at Route 1, Hudson, the past 60 years.

She married Gerrie E. Warstler on Nov. 22, 1916. He preceded her in death Aug. 15, 1952.

Surviving are two sons, Cleo of Route 2, Pleasant Lake and Walter of Owosso, Mich.; a sister, Velma Bickel of Angola; a brother, Claire Kunce of Angola; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A son, Eugene, preceded her in death on July 11, 1967.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Vern Noll officiating. Burial will be in Block Cemetery.

Visitation hours will be Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Troy Ray

6-23-89

WATERLOO — Troy A. Ray, 20, Waterloo, died unexpectedly Thursday at 10:50 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, while home on leave from the U.S. Army.

He was born in Goshen, Sept. 26, 1968 and a 1987 graduate of East Noble High School. He entered the Army Jan. 20, 1988 and received basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. He was in the infantry and left for Freeburg, West Germany June 4, 1988, where he had been stationed since that time.

Surviving are his parents, Jerry and Linda Scheurich of Corunna; and a brother, Eric Ray of Wawaka.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Hite Funeral Home, with Rev. Glen Mulligan officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, where military services will be conducted by personnel of Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

Preferred memorials are to either the Noble County or DeKalb County EMS.

Arthur Albert

GARRETT — Arthur F. Albert Sr., 76, died Thursday at 2:58 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Albert had been a Garrett resident since 1954. He worked with the DeKalb County Highway Department for 24 years, retiring in November 1978.

He was a World War II Army-Air Force veteran and a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in rural Waterloo.

He was born Oct. 3, 1912 in South Bend to Fred and Gertrude (Fritz) Albert.

On July 19, 1939 he married Catherine Eldeen Stetler in South Bend. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons, Arthur E. Albert Jr. of Auburn and Tim Albert of Demott, Ind.; two brothers, Fred Albert of Danville, Ill. and Robert Albert of Niles, Mich; and seven grandchildren.

One brother, Philip, and one sister, Elsie Knauf, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 7-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett and Saturday from noon-1:30 p.m. at Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the church. Pastor Conard Wolf will officiate.

Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, south of Garrett.

Wayne Hartman

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Wayne Lewis Hartman, 50, died Saturday at 1 a.m. in Hicksville Community Hospital, Hicksville, Ohio.

Mr. Hartman lived at 205 Meuseargonne St. and was a former employee of Robert Cook Refuse Co. in Hicksville.

He was born May 14, 1939 in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, to Verl and Louise (Dibling) Hartman. His mother preceded him in death. His father survives in Waterloo.

On Nov. 25, 1961 he married Sylvia Osmun in Butler. She survives in Hicksville.

Also surviving are three sons, Dennis, Richard and James, all of Hicksville; one daughter, Janet Hartman of Hicksville; one brother, Glenn of Waterloo; one sister, Betty Noragon of Auburn; and one grandson, Dennis Dean Hartman.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. D.V. Dillinger, pastor of the Auburn Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the family.

Robert Uhl

AVILLA — Robert L. Uhl, 60, of Route 1, Avilla, died at 12:10 a.m. Sunday in American International Hospital in Zion, Ill. He had been in failing health six months.

Born in Avilla April 7, 1929, he was the son of Lawrence and Lelia (Schmuck) Uhl, who survive in Avilla. On May 31, 1950 in Auburn, he married Marcile Haynes, who also survives.

Mr. Uhl was an independent insurance agent, a farmer and drove a school bus for the East Noble School Corporation. He was a member of Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, Noble County Community Fair Board and Northeast Indiana Draft Horse Association.

Surviving with his wife and parents are a daughter, Mrs. Dan (Tana) Brown of LaOtto; two sons, Rodney Uhl of Lambert, Miss., and Scott Uhl of Avilla; two sisters, Mrs. Sam (Beverly) Shank of Avilla, and Mrs. Dean (De'Maris) Jackson of Sun City, Ariz.; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, rural Albion, with Rev. C. Donald Richter officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church or Noble County Community Fair Association.

Leland Lonsbury

Leland Lonsbury, 61, died today at 12:35 a.m. in Glen Oaks Nursing Home, Auburn, where he had resided several years.

He was born Dec. 12, 1927, in Ohio to the late Leland and Troas M. (Carey) Lonsbury.

There are no known relatives surviving.

Services will be Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Alice Hupp, pastor of the First Christian Church in Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Louise Snider

FORT WAYNE — Louise M. Snider, 92, of Fort Wayne, died at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in St. Joseph Medical Center. The New Haven native had lived most of her life in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are three daughters, Violet Ley of Fort Wayne, Eileen Cronkhite of Hudson, and Opal Hueber of Sebring, Fla.; and 13 grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and at 10 a.m. in Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1515 W. State Blvd. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home where a wake service will be held at 7:30 p.m. today.

Preferred memorials are masses to the church.

Auburn Evening Star Obituaries – Saturday – July 1, 1989

L. Jean LaRowe

GARRETT — L. Jean LaRowe, 61, died Friday at 4:30 a.m. in her Garrett home.

She was born March 7, 1928 in Fostoria, Ohio to the late Earnest and Blanche (McCannos) Ransom. On June 29, 1968 she married Robert LaRowe in Pleasant Lake. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Edward and Thomas Carr, both of Garrett; one stepson, James Carr, of Hot Springs, Ark.; three daughters, Dorothy Fulmer of Auburn, Kathy Puff of Pleasant Lake, and Jeannine Griffin of Garrett; two sisters, Helen Mears of Little Rock, Ark. and Joanne Sickman of Hot Springs, Ark.; and one granddaughter.

Mrs. LaRowe was preceded in death by two half-brothers, Jack and Jim Papenfuss.

Friends may call at the McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, Saturday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Lloyd Mealer, pastor of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, will officiate.

Burial will be in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, near Garrett.

Grover Whysong

PLEASANT LAKE — Grover E. Whysong, 74, of Route 1, Pleasant Lake, died at 9:47 p.m. Friday in V.A. Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born Oct. 2, 1914 in Salem Township, Steuben County, the son of Ford and Jennie (Moore) Whysong. A lifetime area resident, he was a retired farmer and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II where he was a prisoner of war.

Surviving are a sister, Katherine Rowe of Garrett; a brother, Earl Whysong of Route 1, Pleasant Lake; and nieces and nephews.

His parents, two brothers, Lawrence and Charlie, and three sisters, Ethel, Ruthie and Jessie, preceded him in death.

Services were at 2 p.m. today in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Rev. Howard Compton of Salem Center Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial and graveside military rites were held in Trinity Cemetery, rural Hudson.

Doris Strebig

SPENCERVILLE — Doris J. Strebig, 68, died Sunday at 12:41 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had resided at 7147 County Road 59, Spencerville.

She was born Dec. 2, 1920 in Spencerville to the late David and Laura (Grill) Baughman.

She married Charles S. Strebig on Dec. 9, 1940 in Defiance, Ohio. He preceded her in death July 7, 1970.

Surviving her are one son, Lee Strebig of Spencerville; one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Patty) Betz of Harlan; four brothers, Howard Baughman of Harlan, Dean Baughman of Decatur, Glen Baughman of Monroeville, and Levi Baughman of Grabill; four sisters, Mabel Witt of Auburn, Flossie Schaefer of Grabill, Anna Nickels of Stryker, Ohio, and Gaylon Cook of Big Turkey Lake.

One brother and one sister preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Leonard Shaffer officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery, Spencerville.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Heart Association.

Denville Shaffer Sr.

BUTLER — Denville H. Shaffer Sr., 62, died Tuesday at 2 a.m. at his home in Butler.

He was born Aug. 12, 1926 in Meadow Bridge, W. Va., to Edgar and Emma (Hicks) Shaffer. They are deceased.

Surviving him are his wife, Betty; one son, Danny of Butler; two daughters, Theresa Dahms of Columbia City and Emily Shaffer of Butler; three brothers, two sisters and six grandchildren.

He was a member of the Butler Eagles.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Rev. Robert Heckman officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be given to the Butler Park Department Tree Fund.

Victor B. Lemper

Victor Lemper

Victor Bernard Lemper, 75 of rural Auburn died Sunday at 2:24 a.m. (Ohio time) in the Bryan Community Hospital, Bryan, Ohio.

Mr. Lemper was a farmer. He retired from Warner Gear in 1975, and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

He was born June 16, 1914 in Avilla to the late Henry and Henrietta (Borck) Lemper.

He married Blanche Bryant on May 27, 1939 in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Lois Carrico of Bryan, Genevieve Deich of Cupertino, Calif., and Anita Drew of Auburn; two brothers, Herman of Auburn and Howard of Pinehurst, N.C.; three sisters, Lucille Weimer of Avilla, Helen Close of Birmingham, Mich., and Delores Ferrell of Hendersonville, N.C.; an aunt, Francis Traxler of Avilla; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Joseph; two brothers, Wilbur and Flawrence, and one granddaughter, Sandra Carrico.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Auburn, with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Thomas Lallak officiating. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

The family prefers memorial donations to the church or to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Auburn Evening Star Obituaries – Thursday – July 6, 1989

Edward Shearer

GOSHEN — Edward C. Shearer, 80, of 68535 C.R. 33, Goshen, died at 8:10 a.m. Wednesday in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

He was born March 6, 1909 in Ligonier, the son of Charles and Sarah (Magnuson) Shearer. In Ligonier in October 1931, he married Eva Kiester, who preceded him in death July 7, 1974. On April 2, 1977 in Carmel, he married Lois Beck Martin, who survives.

Mr. Shearer, a lifetime area resident, was a retired cabinetmaker for Liberty Coach Company and a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Douglas Shearer of Ligonier, and Robert Shearer of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Renee Rich of Carmel; three stepsons, George Martin of Fort Wayne, John Martin of Tipton, and Kim Martin of Cromwell; 11 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

One brother and one sister preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Visitation is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Heart Association.

Walter Lumm

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Walter D. Lumm, 63, died Wednesday morning at his home in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. Lumm was a former Garrett resident, and had lived in Battle Creek for 30 years. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

He was born May 14, 1926 in Garrett. His father was the late Walter H. Lumm. His mother, Madge (Williams) Spitzer, survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are one daughter, Bonnie Back of Bryan, Ohio; two brothers, Vernon Lumm of Palm Harbor, Fla. and James Lumm of Whitmore Lake, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. Rev. N. Dale Mendenhall, pastor of the Garrett United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Ned Keller

7-4-1989

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Ned Keller, 63, Colorado Springs, died June 12 at his home.

He was a former resident of Auburn and St. Joe.

Mr. Keller had worked for Mobile Pre-Mix Corp. before retiring in 1988. He also had been vice president and business agent for Teamsters Union Local 13. Previously, he had been a trooper with the Colorado State Patrol in the early 1960s. He served in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1946.

Mr. Keller was born May 11, 1926 in Woodburn, Ind. to Don J. and Lazearne Keller. His mother survives in St. Joe.

He and his wife, Ann, were married in 1951. She survives at home.

Also surviving are one daughter, K.L. of Colorado Springs; an aunt, Edith Petty of Auburn; and one brother.

Burial with military honors was at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver.

Memorial donations may be made to American Legion Post 209, 1337 N. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, Colo. 90038, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Charles Oberlin

BUTLER — Charles Oberlin, 79, died Thursday at 4:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Oberlin was a lifelong Butler resident. He was a retired supervisor for the DeKalb County Highway Department, and a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, the Butler American Legion post, the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled American Veterans of Fort Wayne.

He was born March 2, 1910 in Butler to the late David and Maude (Healy) Oberlin.

He married Pauline McCann on Dec. 26, 1929 in Hicksville, Ohio. She preceded him in death May 11, 1989.

Surviving are one daughter, Mary Louise Dirr of Fort Myers, Fla., one son, Charles Oberlin of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Cecil of Texas, and Maynard and Leonard, both of Battle Creek, Mich.; two sisters, Lavine Knostman of Waterloo and Violet Chapman of Sturgis, Mich.; two grandsons, Richard Yarger and Douglas Oberlin, both of Fort Wayne; and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Rev. Robert Heckman, pastor of the Butler United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the church or to the DeKalb County Emergency Medical Service.

Rev. Stanley Bush

FRANKLIN, Ind. — The Rev. Stanley G. Bush, 68, died Thursday at 8:15 p.m. in the Saint Francis Medical Center, Marion County.

He had been the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Garrett for eight years before moving to Franklin in 1963. He was the pastor of the Second Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Franklin until 1983, when he retired.

The Rev. Bush was a veteran of World War II. He served with the 101st Airborne Division and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of American Legion Post 205 at Franklin. He also was president of the Johnson County-Franklin Ministerial Association, and past president of the Johnson County Fraternal Fund; chairman of the Town/Country Community for the Indiana Baptist Convention; and Director of Baptist youth camps in Tippecanoe and Westport.

He was born Sept. 7, 1920 in Maryland Heights, Mo., to Frank and Julie (Schilly) Bush.

He was married Aug. 8, 1954, in Boonville, Mo. to Carol D. Deuel, who survives

Also surviving are three sons, Mike, of Indianapolis; Sam, of Norcross, Ga.; and Dan, of Nashville; three brothers, Jerome, of North Fort Myers, Fla., and Ted and Virgil, of Solomon, Kan.; a sister, Margaret Matthews, Greenville, Ill., and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the Vanivier-Parsley Funeral Home in Franklin.

Services will be in the funeral home Monday at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Larry S. Osmon and the Rev. David L. Sinclair, pastor of the Second Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Franklin, officiating.

Burial will be in the Second Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Franklin. Memorial donations may be made in care of the Stanley G. Bush Scholarship Memorial Fund, Franklin College.

Ned Keller

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Ned Keller, 63, formerly of Auburn and St. Joe, died June 12 at his Colorado Springs home.

Mr. Keller served in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945, and was a Colorado State Patrol trooper in the early 1960s. He was vice president and business agent for Teamsters Union Local 13. In 1988, he retired from Mobile Pre-Mix Corp.

He was born May 11, 1926 in Woodburn, Ind., to Don J. and Lazearne Keller. His mother survives in St. Joe.

Mr. Keller and his wife, Ann, were married in 1951. She survives at home.

Also surviving are one daughter, K.L. Keller of Colorado Springs; one brother, Paul Keller of Cincinatti, Ohio; three uncles, Mac Keller of Auburn, Ray Keller of Butler, and Bert Keller of Hamilton; three aunts, Bessie Osmun and Edith Petty of Auburn, and Berniece Derrow of Hamilton.

Burial with military honors was at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver Colo.

Memorial donations may be made to American Legion Post 209, 1337 N. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, Colo. 90038, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Rick Coburn

FORT WAYNE — Rick D. Coburn, 29, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday morning from injuries received in a motorcycle accident in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Kendallville, but had lived most of his life in Fort Wayne. He had been employed by Food Marketing for 1½ years.

Surviving are his wife, Paula; his father and stepmother, Buford and Patricia Coburn of Largo, Fla.; his mother, Irene Coburn of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Amber L.A. Coburn of Fort Wayne; two sons, Bradley M. and Justin Coburn, both at home; a sister, Brenda Barcus of Spencerville; two brothers, Jeff and Jeremy Coburn, both of Fort Wayne; and his grandparents, Roland and Shrield Miller of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Mothers Against Driving Drunk or Rescue Mission for the Homeless.

Richard Parson

FORT WAYNE — Richard G. Parson, 63, died at 1:15 p.m. Sunday in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

The Detroit, Mich., native had lived in Fort Wayne since 1977. He was a foundry engineer with Bohn Aluminum & Brass Company for 33 years and was a World War II veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Hilda; three daughters, Cathy Fovargue of Houston, Texas, Karen Ungerer of Avilla, and Nancy Davis of Ypsilanti, Mich.; a son, Richard Parson of Perry, Mich.; two stepdaughters, Susan Neal of Waterloo, and Nancy Odell of White Pigeon, Mich.; two stepsons, Larry Bruner of Wolcottville, and James Bruner of Rockville; a sister, Joyce Berard of Union Lake, Mich.; and 17 grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with burial in Compton Cemetery, Whitley County.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to Taylor Chapel United Methodist church or American or Allen County Cancer societies.

DeLoss Dangler

BRYAN, Ohio — DeLoss J. Dangler, 76, of Route 2, Woodview Estates, Bryan, Ohio, died Monday afternoon in the Community Hospital of Williams County, at Montpelier, Ohio.

He retired in 1972 as a machinist for Ohio Art Co., Bryan. He was a former Edgerton, Ohio, resident before moving to Bryan 25 years ago.

He was born April 17, 1913 in Putnam County, Ohio, to the late Joseph R. and Emma (Whitbey) Dangler.

He married Nina (Jo) Blue on Feb. 13, 1932 in Albion, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, DeLoss C. of Sherwood, Ohio, Larry L. of Bryan, and Denny John of Angola; four daughters, Nancy J. Lirot of Bryan, Mrs. Doug (Patricia) Gruber and Shirley Dangler, both of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Dean (Diane) Best of Edon, Ohio; two brothers, David L. of Waterloo and Charles M. of Gibsonburg, Ohio; four sisters, Lois Lynn of Waterloo, Mrs. Robert (Marcelle) Fought of Rome City, Augustine Good of Waterloo, and Mrs. Robert (Imogene) White of Coldwater, Mich.; 28 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Three grandchildren, and four brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-9 p.m. at the Chapel of the Oberlin & Ford, Bryan.

Services will be Thursday at 2:30 p.m. (Ohio time) in the chapel. A graveside service will be Thursday at 4:30 p.m. (3:30 p.m. Indiana time) in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Chester Vian

Chester A. Vian, 85, died this morning at 12:20 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He had lived at 1439 First St., Auburn, and was a lifetime resident of DeKalb County. He retired in 1978 as a self-employed farmer.

Mr. Vian was an elder and Sunday School teacher at Cedar Lake Church of Christ. He was a member of the Fairfield Township Advisory Board, and he worked in the Fairfield Township trustee office.

He was born Sept. 17, 1903 in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to John and Cora (Farrington) Vian. They are deceased.

His first wife, Velma Snyder, died in Aug. 1943. He married Ruth D. Pommert in Auburn on Feb. 7, 1957. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one son, Lyle O. of Auburn; two daughters, Leoma D. Mitchener of Waterloo and Charlotte L. Geeting of Fort Wayne; one sister, Neva Smith of Auburn; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. Pastor Conard Wolf will officiate.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-9 p.m. in the McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, and in the church one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be presented to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

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Chester Vian

Chester A. Vian, 85, died this morning at 12:20 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He had lived at 1439 First St., Auburn, in the Greenview Addition, just northeast of Garrett, and was a lifetime resident of DeKalb County. He retired in 1978 as a self-employed farmer.

Mr. Vian was an elder and Sunday School teacher at Cedar Lake Church of Christ. He was a member of the Fairfield Township Advisory Board, and he worked in the Fairfield Township trustee office.

He was born Sept. 17, 1903 in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to John and Cora (Farrington) Vian. They are deceased.

His first wife, Velma Snyder, died in August 1943. He married Ruth D. Pommert in Auburn on Feb. 7, 1957. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one son, Lyle O. of Corunna; two daughters, Leoma D. Mitchener of Waterloo and Charlotte L. Geeting of Fort Wayne; one sister, Neva Smith of Auburn; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. Pastor Conard Wolf will officiate.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-9 p.m. in the McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, and in the church one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be presented to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Leonard Hollis

Leonard J. Hollis, 74, died Tuesday at 8:40 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Hollis was an Auburn resident and had retired in 1977 from the U.S. Postal Service. He had worked at the Fort Wayne Post Office as a mail sorter.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and was an Army veteran of World War II. He also belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Waterloo and the American Legion post in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 9, 1914 in Auburn to John and Mamie (Hinsey) Hollis. They preceded him in death.

On May 15, 1945 he married Patricia Baker in Fort Wayne. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one son, Edward J. Hollis of Wayland, Mich.; two daughters, Susan B. Davidson of Angola and Michelle D. Logan at home; and 10 grandchildren.

One sister, Loretta, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be Friday, with prayers at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home and mass at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. Father Tom Lallak will officiate.

Hershell Shields

GARRETT — Hershell D. Shields, 43, died Tuesday at 3:15 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since March.

He was a self-employed contractor for Design Builders Inc., and a Marine Corps veteran. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles, and a life member of the Colon, Mich. post of the American Legion.

He was born July 22, 1945 in Harriman, Tenn., to the late George and Viola (Presley) Shields.

His wife Katherine Priest Shields survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Dave of Indianapolis and Dean of Garrett; two stepbrothers, Earl DeLong of Garrett and Jim Shields of Florida; three stepsisters, Cheryl Shields of Garrett, Kleota Mason of Auburn, and Anna O'Neil of Union City, Mich.

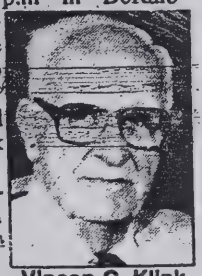
Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Jimmy Presley officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to the family.

Vinson C. Klink

Vinson Chester Klink, 83, died Tuesday at 4 p.m in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn. He lived at 208 Iwo St., Auburn.


Vinson C. Klink

He owned and operated Klink Insurance Agency in Auburn for 41 years, retiring in 1979.

Mr. Klink was born Nov. 18, 1905 in Pleasant Lake to Chester C. and Mabel S. Klink.

On Oct. 18, 1934 in Fort Wayne he married Velma Louise Vincent. Mrs. Klink survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Nancy Metzler, Angola; a foster daughter, Bette Schaab, Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Dawn Ann Nilson, Angola, and Kenneth Todd Martin, Fremont; two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Dustin Nilson; six foster grandchildren and three foster great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Wilbur of Orlando, Fla., and Wesley of Melbourne, Fla.

One sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

He was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church, the Auburn Masonic Lodge, and the Auburn Moose Lodge. He was a former member and past president of the Auburn Lions Club, and a former member of the board of directors for Peoples Federal Savings & Loan.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Doug Anderson, pastor of Mr. Klink's church, will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Golden Lake.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home. The Auburn Masonic Lodge will conduct a memorial service in the funeral home at 7:30.

Memorial donations may be directed to Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Ralph Schock

GARRETT — Ralph L. Schock, 84, died Wednesday at 8:47 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He was the owner of Garrett Plumbing and Heating Co. from 1950 until his retirement in 1971. He was a member of the Fort Wayne Moose Lodge, and had resided in Garrett since 1950.

He was born Aug. 14, 1904 in Idaville, Ind. to the late George and Lola (Sibbit) Schock.

He married Georgia Thornburg on June 11, 1934 in Hillsdale, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Betty Jean Terry of Frankfort, Ind.; one stepdaughter, Leone Schmidt of Fort Wayne; one sister, Isabel Cooper of San Jose, Calif.; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Dr. Lorin Harrison officiating. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

Billy Ketteman

FORT WAYNE — Billy Ketteman, 66, of Fort Wayne, died Friday at 2:15 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital. An electrician, he retired from Lincoln National Corp. in 1983 after 30 years of service.

Mr. Ketteman was born March 18, 1923 in Benton, Ill., to William and Viola (Warren) Ketteman.

In 1953, he married Willdean Sonner in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kathy Knight of Albion and Candice Busche of Spencerville; two brothers, Charles Ketteman of Mission Viejo, Calif. and John Ketteman of Mount Vernon, Ill.; two sisters, Italene Misplay of Evansville and Mary Ewing of Benton, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II and Korea, Mr. Ketteman also was a member of Northern Baptist Church, Benton; American Legion Post No. 409, Evo; St. Joe Athletic Club; Sons of American Revolution; and Pioneers of Indiana.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Son Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Rev. George Lampman of Blackhawk Baptist Church will officiate.

A military graveside service will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

The family prefers memorial gifts to the American Lung Association.

Dorothy Johnston

Dorothy M. Johnston, 86, died Saturday at 1:23 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She had lived in Auburn the past four years, in Ashley for the previous three years, and in Fort Wayne her first 79 years. She was retired from her career as an office worker at Old Fort Supply, Fort Wayne.

She was born July 23, 1902 in Fort Wayne to Glen W. and Margaret (Hiltebrand) Johnston. They are deceased.

Surviving are one brother, Paul Johnston of Auburn; one sister, Bertha Turner of Chicago, and three nephews. Two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard, and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Friends may call Tuesday from 9 a.m. until the services begin. Rev. D.V. Dillinger will offficiate.

Mable Campbell

KENDALLVILLE — Mable E. Campbell, 80, died Friday at 11 p.m. in the Kendallville Nursing Home.

Mrs. Campbell was a former resident of 234 Vine St., Kendallville. She was retired from the Marshall Clothing Co. in Butler.

She was born Oct. 8, 1908 in Waterloo to Frank and Verna (Kinney) Bowman.

Her husband, Virgil Campbell, preceded her in death in 1970. A son, Richard Campbell, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are one brother, Carl Bowman of Fort Wayne; one sister, Catherine Marks of Auburn; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was today in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Rev. Ronald Stambaugh, pastor of the Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo, officiated.

Burial was in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Lewis Shaffer

LAJARA, Colo. — Lewis M. Shaffer, 74, a former Garrett resident, died Thursday in Alamosa, Colo.

He retired in 1975 as a conductor for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad with 36 years of service. He had resided in LaJara for the past 12 years. He was a former member of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Mounted Posse.

He was born April 23, 1915 in Kendallville to the late Ralph and Maude (Williams) Shaffer.

He married Alice Church on May 10, 1938 in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Leonard of Auburn, Gaylord and Blain, both of Alamosa, Colo., Michael of Columbia City, and Thomas of LaJara, Colo; three brothers, Paul of Kendallville, Robert of St. Cloud, Fla., and Eugene of Ashley; two sisters, Ruth Billingsly of Wiley, Kan., and Phyllis Best; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Harry, and one sister, Dorothy Kemery, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Rev. James Moore, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Garrett, will officiate. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery, Garrett.

Naomi Meier

HAMILTON — Naomi "Sally" Meier, 62, of Route 2, Hamilton, died Saturday morning in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 17, 1926 in Fort Wayne, the daughter of Edwin and Clara Meier. She retired in 1972 from International Harvester and from 1943-54 she played for the Fort Wayne Daisies, a women's pro-baseball team. She was a member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club, Butler American Legion Post and All American Girls' Baseball Association in Fort Wayne.

Surviving is a brother, Eugene Meier of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Wilson Funeral Home, Hamilton, with Rev. Herschel Murray officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Gardens Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Memorial Hospital Oncology Center.

Thelma Gipple

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Thelma I. Gipple, 77, died Monday afternoon in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was born Aug. 21, 1911 in Williams County, Ohio to Dwight Hubert and Sarah Weldy. They are deceased.

She married Ora J. Gipple, who died in October 1968.

Surviving are five sons, Ed of Montpelier, Ohio; Ron of Paulding, Ohio; and Calvin, Don, and Dennis of Hicksville; seven daughters, Shirley Gipple of Garrett, Vesta Bowen of Edgerton, Ohio; Linda Havens of Ney, Ohio; and Veronica Yoder, Patsy Gipple, Donna Wasson, and Mary Waters, all of Hicksville; one sister, Elma Shertiz of Manitou Beach, Mich.; 19 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 10 step-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton. Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. (all Ohio times) in the funeral home. Rev. James O. Wilson will officiate.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton. Memorial gifts may be made to the Defiance County Crippled Children's Association, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Hamilton man killed in crash

By SUSAN MAWE

A 21-year-old Steuben County man was killed Tuesday when his car struck a semi-trailer on County Road 427, two miles south of Auburn near CR 56.

DeKalb County Police said Charles T. Baugh, of Route 1, Hamilton, was driving northbound on CR 427 at 11:50 a.m. when his 1978 Oldsmobile drifted left of the center line. Baugh's car struck the left rear tire of an oncoming semi-trailer owned by Art Iron of Fort Wayne.

Baugh's wife, a passenger in the car, suffered cuts to her face. Tanya Baugh, 21, of Hamilton, was taken to DeKalb Memorial Hospital where she was treated and released.

The semi driver, Samuel Meredith Jr., 42, of Fort Wayne, was not injured.

The impact ripped the left side off Baugh's car, crumpling the hood, driver's door, and dashboard. The windshield was shattered and pieces of metal and plastic littered the road. The car came to rest in the southbound lane of the highway.

A baby's brown carseat was strapped to the back seat, but police said no child was in the car. The Baughs had two children.

Baugh was killed upon impact, according to William Hathaway M.D., DeKalb County Coroner. He died of massive head injuries. Neither Baugh nor his wife was wearing a seatbelt, police said.

An obituary for Mr. Baugh appears on page A8.

Meredith said he noticed the oncoming car drift over the center line, but Baugh did not swerve back to his own lane. Meredith said he drove his truck nearly off the road, trying to avoid a collision.

"I almost hit the mailboxes, trying to miss him," he said. "This is my first accident in 18 years — I had a clean record. I don't like to feel like this."

Tanya Baugh told DeKalb County Police that her husband may have fallen asleep, causing him to drift out of the northbound lane. She said she was sleeping when the crash occurred.

Meredith said Baugh seemed to be looking at the road.

Damage to Meredith's semi-trailer was estimated between $1,000 and $2,500 by police.

The Auburn Fire Department and Indiana State Police assisted county police at the crash scene.

Charles Baugh

HAMILTON — Charles T. Baugh, 21, died Tuesday at 11:50 a.m. in a traffic accident near Auburn.

He worked at Miller's Super Valu, Angola and resided at 118 Oak Lane, Hamilton.

He was born Aug. 27, 1967 in Auburn to Lonzo and Beatrice (Humphrey) Baugh, who survive.

He was married June 6, 1987 in Angola to Tanya Eghinger, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Lynn, and a daughter, Joanna Marie, who live at home; three brothers, Lonzo Jr., Topeka; and Robert and John of Hamilton; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Larry and Mary Eghinger, Hamilton; one niece and two nephews.

Mr. Baugh was a 1986 graduate of Hamilton High School.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-9 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Butler.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Rev. Charles Witt Sr., pastor of the Free Bible Tabernacle, officiating.

Burial will be in the Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial donations may be directed to the family.

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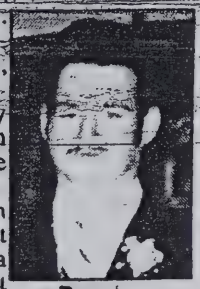
Charles Baugh

HAMILTON — Services for Charles T. Baugh, 21, will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.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He worked at Miller's Super Valu, Angola and resided at 118 Oak Lane, Hamilton. He was a 1986 graduate of Hamilton High School.

He was born Aug. 27, 1967 in Auburn to Lonzo and Beatrice (Humphrey) Baugh, who survive.

He was married June 6, 1987 in Angola to Tanya Eghinger. His wife survives.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Lynn, and a daughter, Joanna Marie, who live at home; three brothers, Lonzo Jr., Topeka; and Robert and John, both of Hamilton; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Larry and Mary Eghinger, Hamilton; one niece and two nephews.

The Rev. Charles Witt Sr., pastor of the Free Bible Tabernacle, will officiate at Friday's funeral service. Burial will be in the Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton. Memorial donations may be directed to Mr. Baugh's family.

Blake Keen

ALTONA — Blake F. Keen, 67, died Tuesday at 7:25 p.m. in the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

A resident of Altona for 45 years, he retired in 1980 as a parts department employee and test driver for Dana Corp., Fort Wayne, with 30 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict.

He attended the First Church of Christ in Garrett. He was a Boy Scout troop leader and a ham radio operator.

He was born April 30, 1922 in Altona to the late Royal and Alada (Hathaway) Keen.

He is survived by two brothers, Lyle of Fort Wayne and Wayne of Turkey Lake; one sister, Patricia Draper of Columbia City; and nine nieces and nephews.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Lloyd Mealer, pastor of the First Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Ernest Emerick

Ernest R. Emerick, 65, of 337 W. Second St., Auburn, died Thursday at 10:03 a.m. in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1984 from Warner Gear with 10 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army Infantry during World War II in North Africa and Italy.

He was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans Association.

He was born May 20, 1924 in Stroh to the late Alva and Flossie (McCosh) Emerick.

He married Delores I. Shultz on Jan. 30, 1945 in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Victor A. of Sturgis, Mich., Thomas E. of Auburn, Russell L. of St. Joe, and Robert L. of Waterloo; two daughters, Mrs. Jim (Judy) Lowe of Blythe, Calif., and Mrs. Eugene (Sally) Kessler of Auburn; one brother, Neal Emerick of Auburn; one half-brother, George Hess of Florida; two sisters, Virginia Neighbors of South Bend and Marjie Smith of Auburn; one half-sister, Floreen Palmer of Auburn; 19 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one great-stepgrandchild.

One brother, Sebra, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. and Monday from 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Michael Wagner of the Corunna Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery, with a military graveside service by the Waterloo VFW.

Memorial donations may be given to the Corunna Church of Christ, or Youth For Christ.

Emma Campbell

GARRETT — Emma S. Campbell, 96, died Thursday in the Samaritan Bethany Home of Rochester, Minn.

A former Garrett resident, she had lived at the home since 1977.

She was born Oct. 4, 1892 in Lawrence, Kan. to Benjamin and Sarah (Stippy) Hess. On April 18, 1912 in Garrett she married James Frank Campbell. He preceded her in death Feb. 13, 1981.

Surviving are one daughter, Virginia Currin of Eugene, Ore.; one son, George, of Rochester, Minn.; nine grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, June Riedhart, two brothers and three sisters.

Mrs. Campbell was a homemaker and a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church. She was also past worthy matron of the Garrett chapter of Eastern Star, and a member of the Rebekahs.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. The Rev. Dale Mendenhall will officiate.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home. An Eastern Star service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Pauline Greene

READING, Pa. — Pauline Wasson Greene, 85, died Tuesday in Reading.

Mrs. Greene was a former St. Joe resident. She graduated from Tri-State University, Angola, and taught for 10 years at the elementary school level, part of that time in St. Joe.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Reading, and a Worthy Matron for the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Aug. 31, 1903 in St. Joe to Wallace and Eva Wasson. They are deceased.

She married Donald L. Greene, who survives in Reading. Also surviving are one son, Gordon, of California; two sisters, Harriet Oberlin and Dorothy Baron; and two brothers, D.O. and Richard Wasson.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Services are today in Reading. Private entombment services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

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John Dye

John W. Dye, 79, of Wesley Park Apartments, Auburn, died today at 12:30 p.m. in DeKalb Health Care Center, Auburn.

He had resided in the health care center 10 days. He had lived in Auburn since 1936, and was a self-employed in excavation and hauling. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Auburn.

Mr. Dye was born April 4, 1910 in Paulding, Ohio, to the late James A. and Clara (Wilson) Dye.

He married Dorothy C. Sibberson on March 16, 1935 in Wood County, Ohio. She survives.

Other survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Melvin (Carol J.) Treesh of Garrett; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and two nieces.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Rev. Alice Hupp, pastor of the First Christian Church, Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Paul Zonker

CORUNNA — Paul Edwin Zonker, 77, of Corunna died Friday at 7:45 p.m. in Willow Ridge Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

He was a bricklayer and carpenter.

He was born April 26, 1912 in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to the late Harvey M. and Eva Belle (Gardner) Zonker.

Surviving are one son, Harold of Phoenix, Ariz.; three daughters, Barbara Sue Koehler of Berne, Ind., Julia A. Clark of Waterloo, and Nancy Lou Kugler of Hudson; one sister, Thelma Carper of Auburn; 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services are Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Vernon Noll officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Clifford Minier

AVILLA — Clifford M. Minier, 47, of Fort Wayne, died at 11:33 a.m. Saturday in LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

He was born in Fort Wayne June 21, 1942, the son of Robert and Frona (Coil) Minier. His father survives in LaOtto, and his mother preceded him in death in 1986.

Mr. Minier was a 1960 graduate of Avilla High School and a graduate of Indiana University. He had taught school for 25 years in the Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Surviving with his father are a daughter, Kristina Minier of Auburn; and two brothers, Stanley Minier of Brea, Calif., and Rick Minier of Camden.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with Rev. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery, LaOtto.

Visitation is one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to American Heart Association, Hopewell Presbyterian Church, or charity of the donor's choice.

Evelyn Fowler

HAMILTON — Evelyn A. Fowler, 68, died Monday at 11 p.m. in the DeKalb Health Care Center. She had lived in Hamilton Shores Trailer Court, Hamilton.

Mrs. Fowler had retired as a cook from the Rio Bar, Hamilton, in 1983.

She was born April 13, 1921 in Rome, N.Y. to William and Alma (Roshiser) Eychner. They are deceased.

She is survived by her husband, Frank.

There is no funeral or visitation. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Doris Blount

QUINCY, Mich. — Doris I. Blount, 60, died Monday in the Carriage Inn Convalescent Center, Coldwater, Mich.

She was born June 17, 1929, in Bryan, Ohio, to Howard and Arvilla (Funk) Morton.

She was married in 1969 to Jason Blount who preceded her in death in 1983.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Catherine Darnell, and Stephanie Blount, both of Angola, and Mrs. Sue Parsons, Coldwater, Mich.; two sons, Bradford Page, Hamilton; and William Page, Union City, Mich.; two brothers, Howard Morton, Auburn; and Keith Morton, Orland Park, Mich.; six stepsons, four stepdaughters and 41 grandchildren.

She was a member of the Church of the Living Waters, in Quincy, and she belonged to the VFW Auxiliary.

Friends may call today from 7-9 p.m. at the Diedrich-White Funeral Home in Quincy.

Services are at the funeral home Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery, Quincy.

Morgan McCoy

LIGONIER — Morgan "Shelly" McCoy, 25, 402 E. 5th St., Ligonier, died at 3:45 a.m. Monday in a train accident near Ligonier.

He was born July 31, 1963 in West Palm Beach., Fla., to Frederick and Diana (Pachico) McCoy. He was a molder for the Columbia City Division of Fort Wayne Foundry and had lived in the Ligonier area nine months, having moved from Osseo, Mich.

Surviving are his fiance, Julie Pena, Ligonier; his father, Frederick McCoy, Los Angelos, Calif.; stepfather and mother, Robert and Diana McArthur, Osseo, Mich.; two sons, Robert and Morgan McCoy II, Pittsford, Mich.; two daughters, Teresa and Lori McCoy, Pittsford, Mich.; one brother, James McCoy, Orlando, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Timothy (Claudia) Blocher, Osseo, Mich., and Maxine McCoy, West Palm Beach, Fla.; two stepbrothers, Mac McArthur and Christopher McArthur, both of Pittsford, Mich.

Services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Rev. Sidney Gauby, pastor of Wawaka Church of the Brethren, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. There is no calling.

Ned Brand

A memorial service for Ned Brand, who was murdered in Fort Wayne June 4, will be held Aug. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne. Rev. Carol Simonson will officiate. She can answer any questions at the church, whose number is 426-7421.

Brand had several ties to DeKalb County including two daughters, Jeanne Smith of Waterloo and Jo Hinman of Corunna; his mother, Cathryn Brand of Ashley; one brother, Larry Brand of Ashley; and one sister, Sue Smith of Waterloo. Brand lived in DeKalb County before moving to Fort Wayne.

Edith Wilkins Smith

FORT WAYNE — Edith M. (Wilkins) Smith, 89, died Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, and the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 514, Star of the East, Fort Wayne.

She was born Aug. 17, 1899 in Auburn to the late Thomas and Lillie (Mortoff) Knoder.

She married Marlow Wilkins, who preceded her in death in 1974. She then married Ora Smith, who preceded her in death in 1981.

Surviving her are one daughter, Betty Lou Bowman of Fort Wayne; one sister, Marjorie Bennhoff of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services are Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Rev. Kathleen Nelson, associate pastor of Trinity English Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the Allen County Heart Association.

Everett Runion

Everett A. Runion, 65, died Sunday at 12:15 p.m. in his home at 1464 First St., Auburn.

Mr. Runion had been a purchasing agent for Dana Corp. He retired in 1985, after 39 years with Dana.

He had been a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, the Garrett Masonic Lodge, and the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

He was born Nov. 4, 1923 in Garrett to Tony and Margaret (Bojner) Runion, Sr. They are deceased.

He married Zoa Hamm on April 13, 1946. She survives at home.

Also surviving are one son, Stephen of Garrett; three brothers, Tony Jr. of Auburn, and Adrian and Norman, both of Garrett; one sister, Opal Wisel of Garrett; and two grandchildren.

Services will be in the St. Mark's Lutheran Church Wednesday at 2 p.m. Rev. Dr. Clark Hobby, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and one hour prior to services in the church.

The Garrett Masonic Lodge will hold a Masonic service Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. The family requests memorial donations be made to the DeKalb County Visiting Nurses or to the St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

John Gurtner

FREMONT — John H. Gurtner, 84, died today at 3:30 a.m. in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

He was a retired farmer, and had resided at Route 2, Fremont.

He was born June 22, 1905 in Hamilton to the late David and Mildred (Fee) Gurtner.

He married Talitha Martin, who survives.

Other survivors are one sister, Olive Wagner of Auburn, five grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

One son, Eldon, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-9 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services are Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Eric Dalicy and Robert Homan officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery near Fremont.

Memorial donations may be given to the Fremont Rescue Unit.

Douglas Poisel

WATERLOO — Douglas M. Poisel, 76, died Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Veterans' Administration Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had resided in Waterloo for six years, and was a former Harlan resident. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. He retired in 1969 from Seyfert Foods Co., Fort Wayne.

He was born June 23, 1913 in Jasper County, Ind., to George and Edith Poisel. His mother survives in Hicksville, Ohio.

He was married to Irma Poisel, who preceded him in death in 1983.

Besides his mother, surviving are one son, Clarence of Green Forest, Ark.; two daughters, Jeraldine Cagnet of Fort Wayne and Beverly Chagoya of Waterloo; two brothers, Lloyd of Seymour, and Perry of Grabill; six sisters, Arlene Krontz of Albuquerque, N.M., Maxine Federspiel of Spencerville; Betty Hill of Newport News, Va., and Helen Matson and Frances Boger, both of Hicksville; 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan.

Services are Saturday at 1 p.m. in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan, with calling at the church after noon. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be given to the church, or to the Veterans' Administration visiting nurse program.

Esther Monnier

FORT WAYNE — Esther Monnier, 88, died Wednesday at 8:10 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital. She had lived at 5216 Riviera Drive, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Monnier had been a retired homemaker and a member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Her husband Frank Monnier died in 1969.

Surviving are one daughter, Virginia Kiefer of Fort Wayne; one sister, Charlotte Winkleblack of Fort Wayne; and four nieces, Sherrie Platter of Auburn, and Vickie Long, Connie Ayres, and Bonnie Christopher, all of Fort Wayne; two grandnephews and six grandnieces.

One niece, Helen Ayres, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 5-7 p.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home, Maplecrest, Fort Wayne.

Services will be Friday in the funeral home. Pastor James Cotter of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Memorial gifts may be donated to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Mary Sprott

Mary Lucille Sprott, 78, of Auburn died Wednesday at 8:46 p.m. in Regency Place Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, she had also lived in Florida for 10 years. She was a 1929 graduate of Garrett High School and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Deltona, Fla. She was a past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, past president of Tri Kappa Sorority, and a member of Job's Daughters.

She was born Aug. 10, 1910 in Hicksville, Ohio, to Guy W. and Constance (Comparel) Smith.

She married Donald E. Sprott, who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Sharon Heston of Fort Wayne; one son, Steve Sprott of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Wilda Nuss and Reba Swalley, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services are Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Rev. Robert Gouwens, pastor of North Highlands Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shriners Burn Unit and Crippled Children's Foundation.

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By DENNIS NARTKER

CORUNNA — One driver was killed and his wife seriously injured.

Their 8-year-old son was thrown from the pickup truck and laid in the grass beside the road. EMS technicians worked frantically to stabilize his condition.

His twisted, blood-covered, nearly severed right arm would later be amputated.

The other driver was hospitalized in serious condition.

A pickup truck and car collided head-on travelling at about 50-60 mph Thursday on U.S. 6 about one mile west of here in Noble County, closing the highway to traffic for about two hours.

The two drivers apparently had little or no warning of the accident. Police investigators found no skid marks on the road.

Duane A. Hilkey, 31, 702 S. Peters St., Garrett, was killed and his wife, Kim, 31, and stepson Jason Klinger, 8, were seriously injured when their 1979 Ford pickup was hit head-on at about 3:55 p.m. by a 1984 Chevrolet driven by Linda S. Hicks, 39, Michigan Avenue, Corunna.

Police said Hicks was eastbound and went left of center, hitting Hilkey's westbound pickup.

Hilkey was crushed in the wreckage. Kendallville, Garrett and Rome City fire rescue personnel and EMS technicians took about 40 minutes to extract him from the pickup.

Firefighters used the "jaws of life" to peel open the truck cab and rescue personnel craddled Hilkey's head, gave him oxygen, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and a dozen hands carefully lifted his body through the passenger side of the pickup.

Hilkey suffered massive chest and internal injuries and died at 5:15 p.m. at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

His stepson suffered serious

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TWISTED PICKUP — The impact of the head-on collision on U.S. 6 Thursday near the Noble-DeKalb county line twisted and crushed this 1979 Ford pickup truck in which the driver, Duane A. Hilkey, 31, of Garrett was killed and his wife, Kim, 31, and stepson Jason Klinger, 8, were seriously injured. (Star photo by Dennis Nartker)

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chest injuries and a severed right arm and was listed in serious condition this morning in Fort Wayne's Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Hilkey's wife suffered internal injuries and a broken left leg and was listed in serious condition this morning at Parkview.

Hicks suffered head and chest injuries and a broken left leg and was listed in serious condition this morning at Fort Wayne's Lutheran Hospital.

Indiana State Police trooper Lou Brown, who investigated the accident, said no one was wearing a seat belt. Brown said seat belts would have reduced the injuries, but would not have saved Hilkey's life.

"It happened so suddenly," said a woman who lived near the accident scene and heard the crash.

Hicks' Chevrolet ended up facing north in the westbound lane. Its front end and left front tire were crushed, the front hood obliterated and roof turned up like an opened can top.

Hilkey's pickup ended up facing south in the eastbound lane with its engine parts scattered over the highway and the vehicle body twisted inward around the driver's side.

Traffic backed up three miles west to Kendallville's East Industrial Park.

"That's one of the worst accidents I've seen," said Kendallville firefighter Mike Riehm while picking up rescue gear.

Frances Zecca

GARRETT — Frances M. Zecca, 92, died Thursday at 8:40 a.m. at home.

A homemaker, she had resided in Garrett since 1919. She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, and its Rosary Society, Harvest House, and Third Order Franciscan.

She was born Feb. 3, 1897 in Pittsburgh, Pa., to the late Henry and Adelina (Pironti) Aversa.

She married Camillo Zecca on Nov. 28, 1919 in Pittsburgh. He preceded her in death Aug. 20, 1943.

She is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth Schlotterer of Tempe, Ariz., and Evelyn Ferguson of Garrett; two sons, Vincent of Lexington, Ky., and Henry of Garrett; 18 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Ellen Kunkle; three brothers, Alfred, Paul and Ralph Aversa; and five sisters, Adele Mendelson, Anna Baradian, Mary Ligouri, and Clara and Rose Aversa.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service is today at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services are Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Gary Sigler officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Geoffrey Miller

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Geoffrey Allen Miller, 17, a former Hudson resident, died Thursday morning in a traffic accident.

He had resided in Watkins Glen for the past 1½ years. He was a senior at Watkins Central High School, and a track, basketball, and football athlete. He was a member of the Ashley Church of the Nazarene.

He was born May 5, 1972 in Fort Wayne to Rev. Dan A. and Audrey Miller. They survive in Watkins Glen.

Also surviving are two sisters, Tammy Dilan of Watkins Glen and Jenny Miller, at home; his paternal grandparents, Karl and Betty Miller of Garrett; and his maternal grandmother, Ova Wells of Auburn.

Friends may call Monday from 6-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services are pending. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the Watkins Glen High School Sports Booster Club.

Faith Stone

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Faith Stone, 98, died July 29 in Augusta, Ga., where she had lived since 1986.

Mrs. Stone graduated from Auburn High School in 1909, and later taught home economics at the junior high level in Auburn. She spent most of her married life in Michigan, then moved to Delaware in 1972.

She was born January 19, 1891 in Auburn to Dr. F.M. and Lillie Ann (Carper) Hines.

She married Reuben E. Stone on June 30, 1923, in front of the fireplace at her parents' home at 407 S. Main Street, Auburn, which is now on the Historic Registry. He died in 1975.

Surviving are two daughters, Majorie Laird of Sun City Center, Fla. and Mary Humrich of Augusta, Ga.; one sister-in-law, Georgia Hines of Auburn; six grandchildren and four great-granchildren.

There will be a private family memorial service. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home handled local arrangements.

Duane Hilkey

GARRETT — Duane A. Hilkey, 31, 702 S. Peters St., Garrett, died at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville, of injuries sustained in an auto accident on U.S. 6.

Born in Garrett on April 12, 1958, he was the son of David Hilkey of New Haven and Ellen (Wilson) Hilkey of Fort Wayne, who survive.

On Aug. 22, 1987, in the Hamilton Wesleyan Church, Mr. Hilkey married Kim Kay Folden, who survives.

Mr. Hilkey worked for Hendrickson Tandem in Butler, and in addition to being a member of the Hamilton Wesleyan Church he served as one of its missionaries in Hungary in 1987, and was a Garrett Little League coach.

Also surviving are two sons, Joshua and Layton Hilkey of Garrett; two step-sons, Michael Hinsinger and Jason Klinger of Garrett; one step-daughter, Michelle Hinsinger of Garrett; one sister, Sheryl Hilkey of Angola; four brothers, Paul Hilkey of Auburn, and Michael, Gregory and Jonathan Hilkey of Fort Wayne; and two grandparents, Paul and Dorothy Hilkey of Ashley.

Services are Monday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton Wesleyan Church, with burial in Hamilton Cemetery.

Officiating will be Rev. David Leitzel of Hamilton Wesleyan Church and Rev. Garland Whittington of Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m., and Monday at the church one hour prior to services.

Preferred memorials are to Wesleyan World Missions.

Geoffrey Miller

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Geoffrey Allen Miller, 17, a former Hudson resident, died Thursday morning in a traffic accident.

He had resided in Watkins Glen for the past 1½ years. He was a senior at Watkins Central High School, and a track, basketball, and football athlete. He was a member of the Ashley Church of the Nazarene.

He was born May 5, 1972 in Fort Wayne to Rev. Dan A. and Audrey Miller. They survive in Watkins Glen.

Also surviving are two sisters, Tammy Dilan of Watkins Glen and Jenny Miller, at home; his paternal grandparents, Karl and Betty Miller of Garrett; and his maternal grandmother, Ova Wells of Auburn.

Friends may call today from 6-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, with calling from 10 a.m. until service time. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the Watkins Glen High School Sports Booster Club.

Butler's Methodist pastor dies

BUTLER — Rev. Earl Robert Heckman, 57, died Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital from a massive heart attack.

He was stricken about 7:50 a.m. at his home on East Main Street.

Rev. Heckman was pastor of the Butler United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Butler Lions Club, and a veteran of the Korean War, serving with the Marines.

He was born Dec. 2, 1931 in Fremont, Neb., to Earl and Olga (Nielsen) Heckman. His mother survives in Schuyler, Neb.

He married Louise Long on Sept. 6, 1955. She survives at home. Also surviving are one son, Robert Carl of Columbus, Ind.; one daughter, Alice Heckman of South Bend; and two grandsons.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church. Rev. B. Willis Gierhart will officiate.

Friends may call in the Butler Funeral Home, at Warren, Ind., Wednesday from 5-9 p.m., and at the church two hours prior to Thursday's service.

Memorial donations may be given to the Butler United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Earl Robert Heckman

E. Robert Heckman

BUTLER — Services for the Rev. Earl Robert Heckman will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church. The Rev. B. Willis Gierhart will officiate.

Friends may call at the church Wednesday from 5-9 p.m., and Thursday from noon-2 p.m.

The Rev. Heckman, 57, died Sunday, Aug. 6 at 8:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital from a massive heart attack. He was stricken about 7:50 a.m. at his home on East Main Street.

The Rev. Heckman was pastor of the Butler United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Butler Lions Club, and a veteran of the Korean War, serving with the Marines,

He previously served as pastor at Mount Etna and Majenica in Huntington County, at Mentone, and at South Bend.

He was born Dec. 2, 1931 in Fremont, Neb., to Earl and Olga (Nielsen) Heckman. His mother survives in Schuyler, Neb.

He married Louise Long on Aug. 6, 1955. She survives at home. Also surviving are one son, Robert Carl of Columbus, Neb.; one daughter, Alice Heckman of South Bend; and two grandsons.

Memorial donations may be given to the Butler United Methodist Church.

Mildred Enzor

NEWVILLE — Mildred Enzor, 102, died Sunday at Hicksville Community Hospital, Hicksville, Ohio.

She may have been DeKalb County's oldest living native.

Mrs. Enzor had been a resident of Fountain Manor Nursing Care Center in Hicksville for the past eight years. She was a former resident of rural Butler.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Newville Church of Christ.

She was born April 19, 1887 to George and Lillie (Shutt) Benninghoff in Newville Township, DeKalb County.

She married Burl Enzor, who preceded her in death in 1961.

Survivors include two nephews, James Benninghoff of Fort Wayne and Wayne Benninghoff of Butler, and two nieces, Joy Dittmer of Milwaukee and Mary DeWald of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call after 7 p.m. (Indiana time) tonight at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. Pastor Harry Farrer of the Newville Church of Christ will officiate.

Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Robert Heinlen

GARRETT — Graveside memorial and military services were held at 11 a.m. Monday for Robert A. Heinlen, 65, who died at 12:40 a.m. Thursday in Indiana Veterans Home in West Lafayette.

He was born Dec. 27, 1923 in Garrett to Jerome and Mary (Rhodine) Heinlen. He attended Garrett schools, then served in the U.S. Navy from 1940-1943 and the Merchant Marines for 25 years.

Mr. Heinlen was a member of VFW Post 1154 of Lafayette, Garrett American Legion Post and St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett.

Surviving are two brothers, Jerome F. Heinlen of Lake Jackson, Texas, and Loren E. Heinlen of Kendallville; and a sister, Marilyn Martorff Smith of Lake Wawasee.

A memorial mass was held Friday in the Indiana Veterans Home auditorium with graveside services officiated by Father Gary Sigler of St. Joseph Catholic Church. His remains were buried in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Arrangements were made by Steely Funeral Home of Otterbein, Ind.

Estill Fugate

WILLARD, Ohio — Estill Fugate, 68, of Willard, Ohio died Saturday evening in Mansfield (Ohio) General Hospital.

He was a former resident of Auburn, who moved recently to Willard.

Services were today in Barkdull Funeral Home. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, New Haven, Ind.

Mr. Fugate was born April 1, 1921 in Jackson, Ky. to Dan and Sally (Sizemore) Fugate.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Ida Mae (Banks) Fugate in 1969, and his second wife, Virgie (Rowe) Fugate in 1989.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Ollie (Geraldine) Montgomery of Waterloo, Ind.; Mrs. Charles (Kathy) Gibson of Willard; Mrs. A.C. (Virginia) Mann of Brooksville, Ohio; Mrs. Floyed (Loreva) Clair of Shelby, Ohio; Christine Hinkley of Columbus, Ohio; and Mildred Maloney of Omak, Wash.; one son, Doug Fugate of Brooksville, Fla.; a sister, Katie Gilliam of Covington, Ky.; several stepchildren; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Donald Vian

MARION — Donald A. Vian, 69, died Tuesday at 8:40 p.m. in the Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Mr. Vian was a former resident of Waterloo, but lived most of his life in Marion, where he resided at 4120 S. Meridian St.

He was born April 28, 1920 in Indianapolis to Floyd E. and Sadie M. (Gordon) Vian.

He had been employed in Butler. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by his wife, Beulah, whom he married Sept. 3, 1949.

Also surviving are a stepson, William Zimmerman, Houston, Texas; a brother, Robert Wayne Vian, Marion; two sisters, June Wildoner and Coleen Vermilion, both of Marion; four stepgrandchildren, and four stepgreatgrandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Needham-Storey Funeral Service, Needham Chapel, 814 S. Adams St., Marion. The Rev. Harold Vermilion will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, near Corunna in DeKalb County.

Friends may call tonight until 8 at the funeral home.

Delores Lewis

WATERLOO — Delores Odetta Lewis, 62, died Wednesday at 8:25 p.m. in her Waterloo home.

She was born Oct. 20, 1926 in Garrett to Clayton and Wilma Allene (Van Zile) Chorpenning. On April 2, 1947 in Waterloo, she married Lennus Lewis. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Mike Lewis, Waterloo, and Keith Lewis, Fremont; one brother, Jack Chorpenning, Hamilton; two sisters, Peggy Jo Smith, Harlan, and Patricia Caperton, Hicksville, Ohio; one grandson, Benji Lewis, Fremont; and three stepgrandchildren.

Mrs. Lewis, a homemaker, was a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Women's Auxiliary.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Dr. Floyd Coleman and the Rev. Herman Reese will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the DeKalb County Hospice or the Fort Wayne Veterans Hospital.

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Hamilton Lake teen murdered

By ADAM KROEMER
and LEE SAUER

HAMILTON — A Hamilton teenager was found murdered in his home at 7:40 a.m. Wednesday.

A friend discovered the body of Todd Kelley, 19, of 36½ Circle Park Road.

Kelley suffered one stab wound to the back and at least one in the abdomen area, according to Donald P. Shively, Steuben County prosecutor. He said he couldn't be sure of the number of stab wounds until an autopsy report was complete.

Shively and other law officers would not comment on whether there were any suspects in the killing.

The stabbing could have occurred Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, police said. Shively said no burglary was involved.

Todd Kelley

He lived in a small, yellow cabin that was under construction. The boards that formed the peak to the roof had been replaced, scaffolding and several ladders sat along the south side of the cabin, and a junk pile of construction material appeared in an open area of the grassless lot.

A yellow ribbon marking the home as a police investigation area ran along Circle Park Road.

The cabin was across the road from some lakeside cabins and sat all by itself. It had woods on the back and left side, and an empty wooded lot on the right. A police officer at the scene said the cabin had recently been moved from a lakeside lot, and that Kelley was doing a great deal of work on it.

The lot is on the southwest corner of Hamilton Lake.

Kelley was a 1988 graduate of Hamilton High School.

Kelley worked for Uniroyal-Goodrich Tire and Rubber at Woodburn.

He was born April 9, 1970 in Hicksville, Ohio. His parents are Vernon Kelley, Hamilton, and Pamela (Purdon) Kelley, also of Hamilton. Both survive.

Also surviving are a sister,

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HAMILTON—

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Shannon Kelley, Hamilton; and three grandparents, Laura Purdon, Edon, Ohio; and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelley, Palmetto, Fla.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. (Ohio time) in the Edon (Ohio) Church of Christ. Jack Hierholzer will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday after 2 p.m. (Ohio time) at the Kundard Funeral Home, Edon.

Memorial gifts may be directed to the Steuben County Sheriff's Department for drug enforcement purposes.

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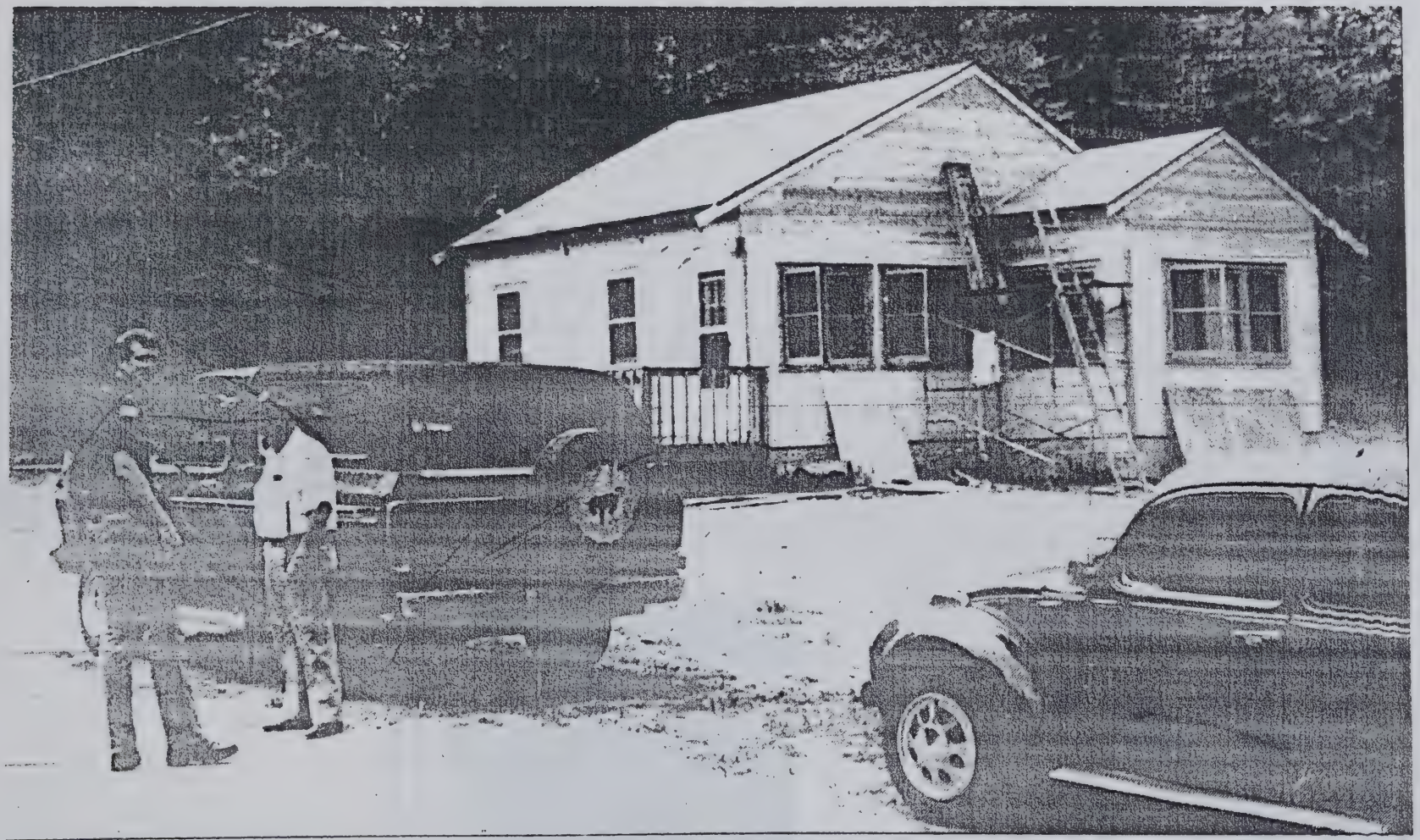

MURDER SCENE — Two law enforcement officers wait outside the Hamilton Lake home where Todd Kelley's body was found Wednesday. The young man was stabbed to death. His body was discovered by a friend at 7:40 a.m. (Star photo by Lee Sauer)

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Carrie Burlew

LAGRANGE — Carrie E. Burlew, 64, of Route 2, LaGrange, died at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at her home, following an extended illness.

She was born march 5, 1925 in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, the daughter of Forrest and Lalia (Koons) Farver. In January 1946 in Hillsdale, Mich., she married Floyd M. Burlew, who survives. Mrs. Burle was a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband are five sons, Dale Smith of Lansing, Mich., Kenneth Smith of Reading, Mich., Michael, Larry and LeRoy Burlew, all of LaGrange; a brother, John Farver of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation is from 6-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Lloyd Burgoyne

Lloyd W. Burgoyne, 91, died Sunday at 7:07 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1958 after 50 years as owner of Hardware, Implement, and Auto Sales in Auburn. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Auburn, and a former member of Rotary International.

He lived in Auburn for 40 years, before moving to Fort Wayne one year ago.

He was born May 21, 1898 in Hicksville, Ohio, to the late George F. and Teresa R. (Hattery) Burgoyne.

He married Naomi Poorman on Nov. 26, 1925 in Edgerton, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Myrna Burgoyne and Sandra B. Lydell, both of Fort Wayne; one son, Robert L., of Dominica, West Indies; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, George; one brother, Glenn; and one sister, Mary.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the First Christian Church, Auburn, with calling from 10 a.m. until service time. His son, the Rev. Robert Burgoyne, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Christian Church, Auburn.

Erich Stachel

FORT WAYNE — Erich B. Stachel, 81, died Monday at 8 a.m. in his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stachel had retired in 1973 as a machinist at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

He was born Jan. 10, 1908 in Insterburg, Germany.

He married Johanna Mootz in Berlin on Apr. 15, 1933. She survives at home.

Also surviving are one daughter, Christel Suter of Garrett; one son, Jorg of Indianapolis; one sister, Friedel Ende of Berlin; and four grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

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He was preceded in death by one son, George; one brother, Glenn; and one sister, Mary.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the First Christian Church, Auburn, with calling from 10 a.m. until service time. His son, the Rev. Robert Burgoyne, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Christian Church, Auburn.

Wilfred Rice

LOS ANGELES — Wilfred Francis Rice, 88, died Saturday in Santa Monica, Calif.

He was a resident of Auburn from 1937 to 1950. He was a working artist and art director for 61 years.

Mr. Rice was born July 8, 1901 in Minnesota. He was the husband of the late Elisabeth Flanagan Rice, and the father of John Rice, La Jolla, Calif.; Wilfred Rice Jr., Chicago; Kevin Rice, Los Angeles; Julia King, St. Louis, Mo.; and the late Mary Beth Bodner.

He also leaves three sisters, Cecelia Ketelboeter, Los Angeles; Marie Orr, Loma Linda, Calif.; and Marguerite Lindberg, Wadena, Minn.; 23 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

A rosary service and mass were this morning in St. Paul the Apostle church, Los Angeles. Interment will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Elmhurst, Ill.

Ashley Collins

BEDFORD, Texas — Ashley Erin Morgan Collins, five months old, died Thursday of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in Bedford Hospital, Bedford, Texas.

She was born March 8, 1989 in Fort Worth to Michael and Linda Collins. They survive in Bedford.

Also surviving are grandparents Joe and Althea Collins of Bedford, and Marge Harter of Auburn; one nephew, Mike Harter of Arlington, Texas; and two nieces, Kelley Heide of Grapevine, Texas and Sherri Britton of Cleveland, Ohio.

Services were this morning in Lucas Funeral Home, 1321 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, (214) 284-7271.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to S.I.D.S., 10500 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Md., 21044.

Lewis Wright

ANGOLA — Lewis Wright, 48, died Wednesday at 2:18 p.m. in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

He had resided at the Angola Nursing Home for the past year, and was employed by the Community Sheltered Workshop in Angola.

He was born July 16, 1941 in Gladwin, Mich., to the late Clarence and Pauline (Hartzogg) Wright.

He is survived by two sons, David Lewis Wright and Michael Wright; two brothers, Albert Wright of Auburn and Clarence Raymond Wright Jr. of Midland, Mich.; and two sisters, Greta and Alta.

Friends may call Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Marcus Proehl officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Community Sheltered Workshop, Angola.

Rosetta Kessler

ASHLEY — Rosetta M. Kessler, 82, of Ashley-Hudson Manor died today at 7:30 a.m. She was a homemaker.

She was born April 4, 1908 in DeKalb County to Charles and Eva (Miller) Schwartz. They are deceased.

She married Frank L. Kessler in 1926. He preceded her in death Nov. 10, 1964.

Surviving are four sons, Frank of Waterloo, Carl of Indianapolis, Claude of New Orleans, and William of Albion; three daughters, Eva Wandel of Hudson, Pearl Kessler of Strongsville, Ohio, and Lilly Rodman of Angola; 14 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

One brother, Albert Schwartz, and three sons, Paul, Charles, and Oscar, preceded her in death.

Service arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Vera Link

Vera L. Link, 78, of 1327 Auburn St., Auburn, died Thursday at 9:40 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Auburn. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn, the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, and the Ladies of the Moose.

She was born March 17, 1911 in Auburn to the late Lou W. and Martha (Rice) Fales.

She married Curtis A. Link on Sept. 5, 1936. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Ervin C. Link of Auburn; one daughter, Teresa A. Bauman of Pleasant Lake; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by six half-brothers and five half-sisters.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Ladies of the Moose will conduct a service tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. W. Gene Bauer officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association.

Rosetta Kessler

ASHLEY — Services for Rosetta M. Kessler, 82, of Ashley-Hudson Manor will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Wayne Smith will officiate. Burial will in Fairfield Cemetery, near Corunna.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Mrs. Kessler died Thursday at 7:30 a.m. She was a homemaker.

She was born April 4, 1908 in DeKalb County to Charles and Eva (Miller) Schwartz. They are deceased.

She married Frank L. Kessler in 1926. He preceded her in death Nov. 10, 1964.

Surviving are four sons, Frank of Waterloo, Carl of Indianapolis, Claude of New Orleans, and William of Albion; three daughters, Eva Wandel of Hudson, Pearl Kessler of Strongsville, Ohio, and Lilly Rodman of Angola; 14 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

One brother, Albert Schwartz, and three sons, Paul, Charles, and Oscar, preceded her in death.

Deanna Sollid

KENTFIELD, Calif. — Deanna Lea Sollid, 46, died Aug. 13 in an automobile accident.

She was a native of Hicksville, Ohio, and the niece of Lois Strong of St. Joe, and Helen and Keith Wilson of Butler.

Several relatives from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania attended her funeral Aug. 19 in San Rafael, Calif.

Mrs. Sollid was a nurse, childbirth educator, and breastfeeding consultant. She organized a Lamaze childbirth group in Marin, Calif. more than 15 years ago. In June, she became co-coordinator of the Family Birthplace Education Center at Pacific Presbyterian Hospital, San Francisco.

She was born in Hicksville and moved with her family to California in 1960. She married Stanley Sollid in 1967. He survives, along with a daughter, Laura Kathryn; a son, Ronald; her parents, Ronald and Kathryn Tomlison, Garden Grove, Calif.; and three sisters, Janice Kline of Hicksville, Ronna Arellanes of England, and Jo Ella Hart of California.

Memorial contributions were directed to the Deanna Sollid Memorial Fund, c/o Marin Convenant Church, 195 N. Redwood Dr., San Rafael, Calif., 94903.

Her husband, son, daughter, and a cousin were injured in the auto accident that took Mrs. Sollid's life. Their van was struck head-on by a vehicle going the wrong way on a highway ramp. The other driver was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving and other charges.

Donations to help with the family's expenses may be sent to Pacific Presbyterian Hospital Family Birthplace Education Center, 2255 Filmore St., Suite 301, San Francisco, Calif. 94115.

Charlotte Krontz

HAMILTON — Charlotte E. Krontz, 60, died Wednesday at 5:40 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She lived in rural Hamilton, and was a retired employee of Pittsfield Co. in Hamilton.

She was born June 27, 1929 near Butler to Delbert and Dessie (Hullinger) Beevers.

She married Earl Krontz on Oct. 15, 1949 in Butler. Her husband survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Deborah Sonnenberg, Waterloo; Kris Crowl, Butler; Mary Cramm, Omaha, Neb.; Jerry Bateman, Fort Wayne; and Joyce Krontz, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Friends may call Friday from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation.

Celina Miller

WATERLOO — Celina Miller, 85, died Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She had been a Waterloo resident for 10 years, and was a member of the Pleasant View Church of the Brethren.

She was born Oct. 31, 1903 in Kosciusko County to George and Clara (Dillman) Wehrly.

After completing her education in the Kosciusko County schools, she married Wilbur Schaaf in January 1927. The couple resided in Pierceton until his death in 1933.

In April 1940 she married Lloyd Miller. They owned and operated Bracken Grocery Store in Bippus, Ind. until Mr. Miller's death in 1955.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Hazel Hart of Waterloo and Mrs. Carrie Moser of Dolton, Ill.; one stepson, Robert Miller of South Whitley; one brother, Harley Wehrly of Waukegan, Ill.; one sister, Stella Swick of Warsaw; 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Smith and Sons Miller Chapel in South Whitley.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Gale Burkholder, pastor of the Pleasant View Church of the Brethren, will officiate.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, South Whitley.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Preschool for the Handicapped in Auburn.

Paul Provines

Paul A. Provines, 75, died Sunday at 4:38 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Paul Provines

Formerly a farmer in Union Township, near Auburn, Mr. Provines was living at 1304 Wesley Park Apartments, Auburn, at the time of his death. He also had lived on South Indiana Avenue in Auburn.

He was born June 23, 1914 in Jackson Township, south of Auburn, to Roy and Henrietta (Great) Provines. On Jan. 10, 1936, he married Ruth Surfus in a Methodist parsonage in Jackson Township. She Survives.

Also surviving are one son, Joseph, of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Mrs. Harvey (Linda) Wolff, Auburn; and four grandchildren, Tina, Tammy, and Tracy Wolff, and Janell Provines.

One brother, Harry, preceded him in death.

Along with farming, Mr. Provines was a former state highway department employee, and he worked 21 years for the Auburn Street Department, retiring in 1976.

Mr. Provines was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, the Oddfellows Lodge of Auburn, the DeKalb County Fair Association, and for 52 years was active in the DeKalb County Horsemen's Association.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Dr. Clark Hobby, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, will officiate.

Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. today and one hour prior to Tuesday's service in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Barrett Lutz

BOWIE, Md. — Barrett "Barry" I. Lutz, 40, of 16328 Pennsbury Way, Bowie, Md., died Aug. 17 in Prince George Community Hospital in Cheverly, Md., of a cerebral aneurysm.

Mr. Lutz was a former Auburn resident. He was a 1967 graduate of Auburn High School and attended Tri-State University.

He served in the United States Navy as an air traffic controller at Subic Bay, the Phillipines. He returned to civilian life as a charter pilot for Executive Aviation in Fort Wayne. He was then employed by the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic control specialist at Michiana Regional Airport in South Bend and at the Baer Field tower in Fort Wayne.

He was promoted to accident prevention specialist at South Bend, then was transferred to the FAA facility in Oklahoma, where he was an aviation safety instructor.

Mr. Lutz was transferred to the Washington, D.C. agency headquarters, where he was recently promoted to manager at the Technical Standards Branch.

He was born Aug. 11, 1949 in Dearborn, Mich. to Paul I. and Evelyn Lutz. Both parents survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are one daughter, Andrea M. Lutz of New Haven; four brothers, Scott I. Lutz of Monticello, Ind., Grant I. and Todd I. Lutz, both of Denver, Colo., and Matthew I. Lutz of Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada; and one sister, Kathleen Lutz of Fredrick, Md.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Dr. Clark E. Hobby officiating. Friends may visit with

Toellner Emrick

KENDALLVILLE — Toellner D. Emrick, 71, of Tupelo, Miss., died at 6 p.m. Friday in North Mississippi Medical Center, Tupelo, following an extended illness.

He was born in Chicago, Nov. 27, 1918, and on June 27, 1938 in LaGrange, married Thelma Edna Ewell. She preceded him in death Jan. 13, 1989.

Mr. Emrick had lived in Kendallville most of his life before moving to Tupelo 18 years ago. He was a 17-year employee and plant manager at No-Sag in Kendallville, and in management at Super Sagless in Tupelo, before retiring in 1977. He was a tool and die maker by trade and a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and VFW in Tupelo.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Armando (Judy) Cooley of Ligonier, and Marilyn Krieg of Auburn; two sons, Douglas Emrick of Kendallville, and David Emrick of Ennis, Texas; two nephews, Wayne and Charles Emrick of Chicago; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A grandson, Mark Krieg, preceded him in death in 1968 and two brothers also died.

Services are at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church building fund in Tupelo, or American Diabetes Association.

Lyle Speaker

LAPLATA, Md. — Lyle R. Speaker, 44, died Tuesday.

He was born in Kendallville to Charles "Stub" and Dorothy Speaker. His mother, Dorothy Hicks, survives in Kendallville. On Feb. 27, 1965, he married Joan Marie Klemkiewicz, who also survives.

Surviving with his wife and mother are a daughter, a son, a granddaughter, a twin brother, Lynne Speaker of Minneapolis, Minn., and other brothers, Maurice Speaker of Kendallville, and Terryle Speaker of Las Vegas, Nev.; and a sister, Kathie Conrad of Garrett.

He was buried Friday in LaPlata, Md.

Memorials services will be held at the First Christian Church, Kendallville, on Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

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Margaret Forbes

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret E. Forbes, 74, of Kendallville Nursing Home, died at 5:25 a.m. today in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne, following an illness of several months.

She was born in Auburn July 2, 1915, the daughter of Jim and Cora Light. On April 11, 1935 she married Keith Forbes, who survives.

Mrs. Forbes was a nurses aide at the Lutheran Home and was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Grace Moriarty of Hamilton; a brother, William Shoemaker of St. Petersburg, Fla.; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there two hours before services. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Butler boy, 7, drowns in pool

BUTLER — A family reunion Sunday at the home of Darrell Heffelfinger, 3425 County Road 57, ended in tragedy when a 7-year-old boy drowned in the family swimming pool.

Jeremiah "Jeremy" L. Munsey, son of Hilliard and Linda Munsey, was found in about 3-4 feet of water along the edge of the pool around 3:30 p.m., said Ron Livergood, a DeKalb County Deputy Sheriff.

Livergood said about 20 members of the Heffelfinger family and in-laws had gathered at the grandfather's house for a reunion. "The family had stopped to eat around 3 p.m. Some of the kids were still jumping in and out of the water," said Livergood.

He added that someone noticed Jeremy's plate hadn't been touched and they went to look for him. "They didn't see him in the pool the first time they looked, because the water was murky and they couldn't see through more than about a foot. They searched the grounds for a while before they came back to the pool and someone spotted him near the edge in about four feet of water," said Livergood.

Livergood said DeKalb EMS technicians arrived and attempted cardio-pulmonary resuscitation before transferring the boy to DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Medical technicians reportedly spent almost two hours trying to revive him, but to no avail.

Dr. William Hathaway, the county coroner, ruled that the drowning was accidental.

Jeremy was born July 1, 1982 in New Jersey. He lived with his family at 4464 County Road 36, Butler. He attended Waterloo Elementary School.

Surviving are his parents, Hilliard and Linda (Heffelfinger) Munsey; two brothers, Brett and Jamie, and one sister Tracey, all at home; and his maternal grandparents.

Friends may call today after 6 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. The Rev. Gary Rode, pastor of the Hicksville Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Preschool for the Handicapped, Auburn.

Dorothy Parker

BUTLER — Dorothy E. Parker, 73, died Sunday at 6:35 p.m. in Meadowhaven Nursing Home, Butler.

Mrs. Parker was the retired manager of the Butler License Branch.

She was born Oct. 13, 1915 in Butler to Earl and Florence (Spice) Brant.

On Dec. 25, 1933 she married Clifford Parker in Butler. He preceded her in death May 10, 1988.

Surviving are one daughter, Judy Kaufman of Waterloo; two sons, James Parker of Columbus, Ohio and Richard Parker of Waterloo; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dale Rabineau, pastor of the Butler Church of Christ, will officiate.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Robert Malone

ASHLEY — Robert D. Malone, 73, died Sunday at 6 a.m. in his home at Bowling Green, Ohio.

Mr. Malone had been a 40-year resident of Ashley, and was employed with the R.P. Wakefield Co. in Waterloo until his retirement in 1979. He was a former member of the Ashley Lions Club.

He was born March 12, 1916 in Hudson, Ind. to Guy and Dora (Wilson) Malone.

On May 8, 1937 he married Cleo Barton in DeKalb County. She preceded him in death Aug. 20, 1988.

Surviving are one son, LaMar Malone of Middlebury, Ind.; one daughter, Mrs. Lee (Sharon) Myers of Bowling Green; one sister, Mrs. Raymond (Ruth) Fountain of Sturgis, Mich.; three step-sisters, Toni Prescott of Bronson, Mich., Norma Snyder of Sturgis, Mich., and Carolina Oman of Jackson, Mich.; and two half-brothers, Carroll "Jack" Snyder of Reno, Nev. and Max Snyder of Goshen.

One half-brother, Blaine Snyder, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-5 and 7-8:30 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dewey Findley, pastor of the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Parkinson's Disease Association.

Margaret Church Healy

BUTLER — Margaret M. Church Healy, 72, died Sunday morning in her home at 137 W. Walnut St., Butler.

Mrs. Healy was a retired employee of Universal Tool and Stamping, Butler.

She was born May 23, 1917 in Louise, Ky. to John and Veva (Willaman) York.

She married Bliss Church, who died in 1966, and later married Charles Healy, who preceded her in death in 1985.

Surviving are nine daughters, Yvonne Payne of Wawaka, Ind., Bethel Biggs of Ashland, Ky., Carrie Ford of Ironton, Ohio, Bliss Church of Camden, Mich., Alva Frazer of Orlando, Fla., Bernadine Church of Angola, Gail Boulware of Fort Wayne, Veva Ann Gerdon of Fort Wayne, and Thelma Church of Florida; six sons, Darrell Church of Angola, Danny Church of Albion, Johnny Church of Butler, Randy Church of West Unity, Ohio, Earnie Church of Hamilton, and Arlie Church of Hamilton.

Also, two brothers, Willie York of London, Ohio and Phillip York of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; three sisters, Charlene Mason of Mountain Home, Ark., Lucille Martin and Helen Simpson, both of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; 37 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church. The Rev. Armour Keller, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Big Run Cemetery, Butler.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Diabetes Foundation.

A memorial service also was conducted Aug. 20 at All Saints Lutheran Church, Bowie, Md., with the Rev. Dr. Richard L. Dowhower officiating.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Beverly Lower

CHURUBUSCO — Beverly May Lower, 76, died Friday at 11:20 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lower was a resident of the Blue Ridge Trailer Court, Churubusco.

She was born April 16, 1913 in DeKalb County to James Clyde Gaff and Julia Eva (Kannel) Gaff.

On April 11, 1936 she married Garman Lower in LaGrange. He preceded her in death July 19, 1988.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Walter (Rosemary) Aromen of Angola and Mrs. Robert (Doris) Conwell of Churubusco; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Ralph Diehl, pastor of the Calvary Chapel of Waterloo, will officiate.

Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Heart Fund.

Dorothy Parker

BUTLER — Dorothy E. Parker, 73, died Sunday at 6:35 p.m. in Meadowhaven Nursing Home, Butler.

Mrs. Parker was the retired manager of the Butler License Branch.

She was born Oct. 13, 1915 in Butler to Earl and Florence (Spice) Brant.

On Dec. 25, 1933 she married Clifford Parker in Butler. He preceded her in death May 10, 1988.

Surviving are one daughter, Judy Kaufman of Waterloo; two sons, James Parker of Columbus, Ohio and Richard Parker of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dale Rabineau, pastor of the Butler Church of Christ, will officiate.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to Alzheimer's research.

Dorothy Freed

Dorothy V. Freed, 73, died today at 6:30 a.m. in the DeKalb Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Freed formerly lived at 723 N. Van Buren St., Auburn. She had been a resident of the health care center for two weeks.

She was born July 12, 1916 in Steuben County to Perry and Lillian (Bointnot) Clingan.

She married Clarence Freed on June 30, 1934 in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Marvin Jay Freed, Waterloo; Stanley L. Freed, Auburn; and Lyle Gene Freed, Waterloo; one brother, Waldon "Bub" Clingan, Hudson; one sister, Helen Libey, Hudson; 10 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Mrs. Freed was a homemaker and attended the Auburn Nazarene Church. She was a member of the Richland Township Home Demonstration Club.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Gerald Parker, pastor of Auburn Nazarene Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, near Corunna.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the DeKalb Health Care Center.

Abner Rosenberg

GARRETT — Abner Rosenberg, 74, died Tuesday at 12:35 a.m. in his home at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rosenberg was co-owner of the former Stern's men's and women's apparel stores in Garrett, in partnership with Alfred Engelhard.

He was born Feb. 16, 1915 in New York City. His parents were the late Jacob and Martha (Schnurr) Rosenberg.

He married Caroline Engelhard on June 30, 1946 in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Sanford E., of Indianapolis; a daughter and son-in-law, Philip and Susan Kuykendall, Garrett; a brother, Bernard Ross, of California; a sister, Ruth Wise, of New York City; and three grandchildren.

One brother preceded him in death.

Mr. Rosenberg was a member of Garrett Lions Club, Garrett Historical Society, the Elks lodge, the Garrett Chamber of Commerce, the Garrett Merchants Association, and a Scout leader.

He was a member of the Temple Brotherhood of Fort Wayne, Jewish War Veterans of Fort Wayne, and the American Legion post of Garrett. He was a veteran of World War II.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. Officiating will be Rabbi Richard Safran, of Achduth Vesholom Temple, Fort Wayne, where Mr. Rosenberg was a member.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to Achduth Vesholom Temple, Garrett Lions Club, or the American Cancer Society.

Romayne Korsmeyer

BUTLER — Romayne H. Korsmeyer, 86, died Thursday at 1:50 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She retired in 1979 after 31 years as librarian at the Carnegie Library in Butler. She formerly lived in Butler.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and its Rosary society.

She was born May 20, 1903 in Perrysburg, Ohio, to the late Thomas and Mary Elizabeth (Hoffman) Hayes.

She married Frank H. Korsmeyer in 1930 in Toledo, Ohio. He died in May 1971.

Surviving her are two daughters, Anne C. Haggarty of Auburn and Mary Prowitt of Hartsdale, N.Y.; one sister, Cathrine Breay of Toledo; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Thomas Lallak officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery. Memorial donations may be given to the church.

There are no calling hours. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Wayne Shumaker

PLEASANT LAKE — Wayne S. Shumaker, 67, died Saturday at 1:20 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a resident of Pleasant Lake and a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He was retired from the Reith-Rielly Co.

He was a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Ashley United Methodist Church.

He was born Feb. 5, 1922 in Smithfield Township to the late Seth and Madilyn (Morr) Shumaker.

He married Francis Dickson in Fleming County, Ky. She survives.

Other survivors are four sons, Daniel Shumaker of Valparaiso, Ind.; Capt. Dennis Shumaker of Lakenheath, U.K.; Mark Shumaker of Fremont, and Earl Keith Shumaker of Ashley; one daughter, Sandra McCormich of Pleasant Lake; three brothers, Russell and Don, both of Ashley, and Charles of Maple Rapids, Mich.; and nine grandchildren.

One sister and one brother preceded him in death.

Services were Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. David Cornwell officiating. Burial was in Fairfield Cemetery, near Corunna.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Ralph Roland

ASHLEY — Ralph L. Roland, 86, died Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in DeKalb Health Care Center, Auburn.

He was a resident of Ashley-Hudson Manor and a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren. He was a painter and interior decorator, and once worked as a striper at the Auburn Automobile Co.

He was born July 16, 1903 in DeKalb County to the late Norman and Lulu (Olinger) Roland.

He married Lena Nelson in 1922, and she died in 1959.

He married Evelyn Elsion on Sept. 12, 1959 in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Al Roland of Aylett, Va., and Ralph Roland of Norwalk, Ohio; five daughters, Dawn Stoy of Ashley, Bonnie Perry of Garrett, Fairy Stomm of Waterloo, Deanna Rowe of Norwalk, Ohio, and Joan Hindman of Pleasant Lake; one stepson, James VanWald of Stryker, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Dorothy Harris of Battle Creek, Mich., and Edna Ann High of Leesburg, Ind.; one sister, Letha Deardorff of Hicksville, Ohio; 20 grandchildren, 11 step-grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, one stepson, one stepdaughter, one granddaughter, and two sisters.

Services were today at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Donald Shankster, pastor of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, officiating. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to DeKalb Health Care Center, Auburn.

Samuel Hinsch

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Infant Samuel R. Hinsch of Carthage, N.C., died Monday afternoon in Hicksville Community Hospital while on a visit to relatives.

He was born Jan. 3, 1989 in Carthage to Mike and Cora (Mock) Hinsch, who survive.

He is also survived by one sister, Kiley, at home; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hinsch of Hicksville; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wheeler of Hicksville; and a great-grandmother, Marie Savage of Hicksville.

Friends may call today from 7-9 p.m. (Ohio time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. (Ohio time) in the Hickville First Church of Christ, with Pastor Ken Wellman officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial donations may be made to ECI, P.O. Box 9, West End, N.C. 27376.

Mildred Rosell

Mildred L. Rosell, 87, died Saturday at 1:15 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where she had resided for 3½ years.

She was a retired bookkeeper, and a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Joliet, Ill.

She was born Feb. 13, 1902 in Joliet to the late Enoch and Augusta Rosell.

She is survived by two nieces, Phyllis Dunham of Auburn and Barbara Ritchie of Indianapolis.

Graveside services were Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet, with the Rev. Bruce Lake officiating. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be given to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Joliet, Ill.

Paul Bonfield

Paul (Pat) Bonfield, 95, of Auburn died Tuesday at 7:01 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He retired from Warner Gear in 1960.

He was born June 24, 1894 in San Giovanni nin Fiore, Italy to Paul and Maria (Mazzci) Bonofiglio.

Mr. Bonfield came to the United States in 1913 and served his adopted country during World War I.

On Jan. 23, 1930, he married Jennie Coscarelli in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn. She preceded him in death Dec. 6, 1964.

Surviving are one daughter, Barbara Bonfield of Auburn; one brother, Giovanni Bonofiglio; and one sister, Virginia Bonofiglio.

Mr. Bonfield was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home in Auburn. A rosary service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

His funeral will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Friends also may call at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorial gifts may be given for masses or to the church.

Paul Bonfield

Services for Paul "Pat" Bonfield, 95, will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

Father Thomas Lallak will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the service. Friends also may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Auburn. A rosary service will begin at 7:30 tonight in the funeral home.

Memorial gifts may be given for masses or to the Immaculate Conception Church, where Mr. Bonfield was a member.

Mr. Bonfield, 95, died Tuesday at 7:01 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He had retired from Warner Gear of Auburn in 1960.

He was born June 24, 1894 in San Giovanni in Fiore, Italy to Paul and Maria (Mazzei) Bonofiglio.

He came to the United States in 1913 and served his adopted country during World War I.

On Jan. 23, 1930 he married Jennie Coscarelli in Immaculate Conception Church of Auburn. She preceded him in death Dec. 6, 1964.

Surviving are one daughter, Barbara Bonfield of Auburn; one brother, Giovanni Bonofiglio; and one sister, Virginia Bonofiglio.

Edna Grogg 9-7-1989

Edna Mae Grogg, 88, died today at 5:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where she had resided for 2½ years.

Mrs. Grogg was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of the community. She formerly lived at 230 S. Division St., Auburn.

She was born Sept. 18, 1900 in Garrett to the late David and Mary (Brechbill) Yarde.

She married Ernest D. Grogg Dec. 23, 1923 in Hillsdale, Mich. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Margaret B. Foreman of Inglewood, Fla., and Beverly J. Iddings of Auburn; nine grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Claud and Howard Yarde, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with James Calster officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the activities department at Betz Nursing Home.

Audrey Gecowets

MARK CENTER, Ohio — Audrey L. Gecowets, 91, died Wednesday afternoon in Bryan (Ohio) Community Hospital. She had been a patient eight days and was in failing health for several months.

She attended the Fort Wayne Music Conservatory, and was a member of the Mark Center United Methodist Church, where she was a pianist for 76 years.

She was a member of GALA of Hicksville, Ohio; Retired Teachers; the Grange, Pomona Grange 6 and 7; the WSCS; the United Methodist Women; and the Mark Center Quilters. She was a Red Cross volunteer and Hospital Gray Lady, and a correspondent for the News-Tribune.

She was born Aug. 7, 1898 in Mark Township, Defiance County, Ohio, to George and Chloe (Gingery) Stuckman.

She married Henry H. Gecowets on July 7, 1917 in Defiance, Ohio. He died Nov. 4, 1985.

Surviving are two sons, Max Gecowets of Fort Wayne and Lee Gecowets of Sherwood, Ohio; three grandsons, three granddaughters, and three great-grandchildren.

One son, Morris, preceded her in death in April 1943. One brother, two sisters, and one stepbrother also preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday after 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday after 9 a.m. (Ohio times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. (Ohio time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Clarence Zimmerman of the Mark Center United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery near Hicksville.

Memorial donations may be given the the Mark Center United Methodist Church Music Fund, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Dorcas Moore

9-7-1989

GARRETT — Dorcas Beryl Moore, 90, died Tuesday at 11:35 a.m. in Huntington Beach Convalescent Home, Huntington Beach, Calif.

She was born April 1, 1899 in Garrett to Joseph and Ina (Gard) Leeson.

On Nov. 23, 1918 she married Thomas A. Moore in Hillsdale, Mich. He preceded her in death Feb. 27, 1966.

She is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Webster of Fountain Valley, Calif., and two grandchildren.

One son, James, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Moore was a homemaker and a former member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

Friends may call at McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett after 1 p.m. Saturday.

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Harold Smith 9-8-1989

Harold W. Smith, 67, of Auburn died today at 12:15 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith was a quality inspector for the U.S. government in Fort Wayne for 31 years. He retired in 1987 with eight years of service as a quality engineer for Magnavox in Fort Wayne.

A veteran of the Eighth Air Force, Mr. Smith flew 30 combat missions during World War II. He served in the Air National Guard from 1947 to 1950.

He was born Feb. 27, 1922 in Fort Wayne to Harold D. and Harriett (Rogers) Smith. He lived in Fort Wayne until coming to Auburn in 1959.

On Sept. 13, 1947 he married Sirleine M. Smith in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Cynthia A. Sanxter of Des Moines, Iowa and Susan E. Scholtes of Ainsworth, Neb.; two sons, Roger L. Smith of Los Alamos, N.M. and Barry A. Smith of Indianapolis; one brother, James E. Smith of Seffner, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Smith was a member and past deacon of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

He was also a member, past president and past lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis Club. Other memberships included the Magnavox Management Club, the Sol-D-Bayless Free & Accepted Masons, and the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith was a Boy Scout leader for Troop 169 and a Cub Scout leader for Pack 3169, both in Auburn.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. The Rev. Hoyt Byrum of the Auburn Presbyterian Church will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday from 2-9 p.m.

Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in New Haven.

The family prefers memorial gifts to Eckhart Public Library's building fund or the American Heart Association.

Flora North 9-11-1989

BROOKSTON — Flora (Victor) North, 86, formerly of Route 1, Brookston, Ind., died at 10:15 p.m. Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett. She had been a patient there since March 1988.

She was born April 16, 1903 in Brookston to Leonidas and Effie (Ginn) Victor. She married Minor North in 1925 in Lafayette. He died in 1956.

She lived with her daughter, Dawn Karen Crawford, at Route 1, LaOtto, from November 1986 until moving to Miller's Merry Manor. She retired as secretary of Brookston Schools in 1965. She was a member of Badger Grove Community Baptist Church, the Merry Workers Sunday School Class and Eastern Star of Monticello Chrystal Chapter 165.

Surviving are her daughter Dawn Crawford; one sister Mrs. Nellie Shultz, Brookston; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Brookston. Calling is 5-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery, Brookston.

Preferred memorials are to Badger Grove Church and the Arthritis Foundation.

Margaret McCullough

ANDERSON — Margaret R. McCullough, 79, died Saturday at 11:08 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. McCullough was the mother of Kay Williams, Auburn. She was a resident of Anderson, and had a summer home at Clear Lake in Steuben County.

She was born in Fort Wayne and had lived in Anderson the past 57 years. She was a middle school teacher in the Anderson Community Schools for 20 years, retiring in 1976.

Mrs. McCullough was a member of First Presbyterian Church at Anderson, the Beaux Arts, the Edgerle Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, Alpha Chi Omega sorority, the Retired Teachers Association, Friends of the Library, Clear Lake Yacht Club, Purdue University Alumni Association, and the Mortar Board Society at Purdue. She was named the outstanding woman student while at Purdue University.

She was the widow of C.K. McCullough, who died in September 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Kay Williams, of Auburn; a son, Neel M. McCullough, Mesa, Ariz.; a brother, Wayne B. Roberts, Stone Mountain, Ga.; a sister, Mrs. Betty Lampron, Tempe, Ariz.; five grandchildren, including Laurie Sattison, Amy Williams Nan, and Larry Williams, all of Auburn; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Memorial services for Mrs. McCullough will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Roselle-Johnson Funeral Service, 229 S. Rangeline Rd., Anderson. Dr. Douglas Hall will officiate. Burial will be in East Maplewood Cemetery.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Anderson, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ralph Sebert

WATERLOO — Ralph E. Sebert, 74, died at 4:30 a.m. today in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Sebert was a a Richland Township farmer all his life.

He was born March 26, 1915, in Fairfield Township to George and Evelyn (Draper) Sebert. On Feb. 22, 1941 he married Catherine Hoffelder in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Donald Sebert of Northfield, Mich.; three daughters, Rebecca Sawyer of Fort Wayne, Ruth Schoudel of Auburn, and Arlene Cheek of Winter Springs, Fla.; two brothers, Kenneth Sebert of Auburn and Dwight Sebert of Butler; one sister, Leah Hager of Grabill; and 14 grandchildren.

Four brothers preceded him in death.

Mr. Sebert was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn.

Services will be at the church Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Father Thomas Lallak will officiate.

There will be no calling. A rosary service will be Friday at at 8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery

Charles Quattlebaum

ARLINGTON, Va. — Charles A. Quattlebaum, 87, died Tuesday in Manor Care Nursing Home at Arlington, Va.

He was a retired writer and researcher for the U.S. Congress, and had lived in Arlington since 1941.

He was born May 6, 1902 in Ridge Spring, S.C. to the late Charles and Julia (Barr) Quattlebaum.

He married Marguerite Vogeding, a former DeKalb County resident, on June 1, 1940. His wife survives.

Also surviving are two sisters, Julia Fowler of Winston-Salem, N.C. and Ruby Broadwater of Columbia, S.C.

Graveside services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. The Rev. Dale Mendenhall, pastor of the Garrett United Methodist Church, will officiate.

There is no calling. McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Gerald Good 9-14-1989

Gerald L. "Pete" Good, 71, of 107 W. Second St., Auburn, died Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a truck driver, and retired from DeKalb Agra Inc. last March.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and past governor of the Auburn Moose Lodge. He was a member of the Auburn American Legion, the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled American Veterans Association.

He was born Aug. 6, 1918 in Waterloo to the late Otto and Bessie (Hampshire) Good.

He married Josephine Schuller Yockey on Aug. 3, 1957 in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Jerry Good of Fort Wayne, Pete Good Jr. of LaPorte, Texas, and Michael and John Good, both of Auburn; three daughters, Carolyn Stemen and Amy Schultis, both of Auburn, and Penney Hobbs of Waterloo; one brother, Wilbur Good of Ocala, Fla.; one stepbrother, Jack Richardson of Ashley; one stepsister, Barbara Ridgway of Auburn; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

His stepfather, Jack Richardson Sr., preceded him in death in addition to his parents.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Auburn Moose Lodge will have a memorial service Friday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Father Thomas Lallak and Father Mathew Lang officiating. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Preschool for the Handicapped, Auburn.

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Matthew Westenhaver

ANGOLA — Matthew E. Westenhaver, 68, died Friday at 3 a.m. at his home on Crooked Lake, Angola.

He was a professor of radio engineering at Tri-State College in Angola for 25 years. His most recent employment was as a television repairman for Arkwright TV in Angola. He was also a member of the Church of Christ in Angola.

He was born Sept. 23, 1920 in Jackson, Ohio, to the late W.J. Benjamin and Ida Fay (Yoh) Westenhaver.

He married Joyce Clady on Aug. 24, 1946 in Garrett. She survives.

One son, William of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, also survives.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer, pastor of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Margaret Jensen

BUTLER — Margaret Jensen, 70, of 506 S. Broadway, Butler, died Saturday at 9:15 p.m. in Syracuse, Ind.

She was a retired employee of Universal Tool & Stamping Co., Butler.

She was born July 10, 1919 in Hoyle, Ind., to the late Frank and Daisy (Hedeline) Smith.

She married Harry Jensen on July 22, 1944 in Grand Isle, Neb.

He survives.

She is also survived by three daughters; Marilyn Rottger of Waterloo, Hazel White of Syracuse, and Barbara Tucker of St. Louis, Mo.; one son, Robert of Butler; two brothers, Bernard and Rollie Smith, both of Ashley; two sisters, Bessie of Fort Wayne and Irene Pierce of Fairbanks, Alaska; 13 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Paul Patton, pastor of the Butler Church of the Nazarene, officiatingt . Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Heart Association.

Lottie Graffis 9-18-89

WATERLOO — Lottie Fern Graffis, 74, died today at 3:45 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn. She resided at 2970 County Road 427 South, Waterloo.

She owned and operated Graffis Funeral Home and Furniture Store with her husband in Waterloo from 1950-1977.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and its Christian Crusaders Sunday School class, the Waterloo Order of the Eastern Star, the Minerva Club, and the Stitch and Chatter Club. She was member of the board of directors of the DeKalb County Unit of the American Heart Association.

Mrs. Graffis was born Nov. 1, 1914 in Daleville, Ind. to the late Wilbur and Mary Alice (Manuel) Shirey.

She married V. Wendell Graffis on May 15, 1938 in New Lisbon, Ind. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Richard "Rick" Wayne Graffis of Spartanburg, S.C., two sisters, Mrs. Herbert (Dorothy) Cox of Yorktown, Ind. and Mrs. Herman (Mary) Zoeller of Stamford, Conn.; and two grandchildren, Matthew Wayne Graffis of Spartanburg, and Christina Graffis of Winston Salem, N.C.

Six brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-8:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Abel, pastor of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Foundation or to the church.

Paul Sparkman 9-18-198

KENDALLVILLE — Services for Paul B. Sparkman, 20, Route 3, Drake Road, will be the Church of the True God, north of South Milford, at 3 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Sparkman died at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Born Oct. 17, 1968 in Kendallville, he worked at No-Sag Products, Kendallville, since February.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Berniece and Walter Ziebell of Kendallville; his fiancee, Retha Baber of Auburn; three brothers, Dwayne Sparkman of Kendallville, Brian Sparkman of Ligonier and Aaron Williams at home; two sisters, Tracy Williams and Lena Williams at home; and two stepsisters, Marina Cloud of Union, Mich. and Kathy Williams of Shipshewana; and his maternal grandparents, Kermit and Margaret Sparkman of Farmers, Ky.

Preceding him in death was his stepfather, Raleigh Williams, who died in 1983.

Calling is at the church after 2 p.m. today. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Officiating at the service will be Rev. Wayne E. Smith.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Howard Watts

ALTONA — Howard M. Watts, 76, died Sunday at 5:24 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He graduated from Garrett High School in 1928, and International Business College in 1931. He was employed in the War Department in Washington, D.C. from 1934 to 1942, when he was appointed chief of the Civilian Personnel Policy and Regulations Branch in the Office of the Secretary of War. He received a commendation for meritorious service in that position in 1947.

He accepted a position as the regional personnel officer of the Bureau of Reclamation, Region 6, in Montana from 1948 until 1954, when he returned to the Department of the Army in Washington, D.C. He retired in 1968.

He returned to live in Garrett in January 1976.

A stamp collector, Mr. Watts operated a small stamp business and was active in several clubs. He was a past president of the Anthony Wayne Stamp Society and the Northeastern Indiana Stamp Club. He was also a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Watts served as president of the Altona Town Board, and was instrumental in obtaining a grant for a storm water drainage project for the town in 1979.

Mr. Watts was born March 30, 1913 in Newtown, Ind., to the late Will and Mabel (Haas) Watts.

He married Lillian Sylva Watts, who survives in Altona.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles W. Watts of Virginia and Howard M. Watts Jr. of Colorado; one step-daughter, Orva G. Clubb of Maryland; six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

One brother, Charles, and one sister, Leah Baxter, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 5:30-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Graveside services will be held at a later date in the Portland Arch Cemetery in rural Covington, Ind.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Garrett Public Library, or to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Fort Wayne.

Ashley Howard

GARRETT — Ashley M. Howard, age 5 months, died Saturday at her home in Garrett.

She was born March 29, 1989 in Auburn to Leroy and Shawna (Hawn) Howard of Garrett. They survive.

Also surviving are one sister, Natasha, at home; the maternal grandparents, Linda and Tim Kalinowski, and Kerwin and Laura Hawn, all of Hamilton; the paternal grandparents, Ted and Dorothy Kagle of Butler; and a maternal stepgrandfather, Steve Wall of Corunna.

Services were today at 1 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler. Burial was in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Premature Care Unit at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Robert Reffner

GARRETT — Robert G. Reffner, 65, died Wednesday at 4:10 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

He resided at 607 S. Harrison St., Garrett, and was a lifetime resident of the city.

He retired in 1985 as an industrial arts teacher at Lane Middle School, Fort Wayne, with 15 years of service.

He was a design engineer at McCray Refrigeration Co. in Kendallville for 20 years.

He was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps engine specialist. He was a member of the Retired Teachers Association and the first Church of Christ in Garrett.

Mr. Reffner was born Feb. 3, 1924 in [illegible] ander and Edith (Stiger) Reffner.

He married Eva Hickman on Aug. 5, 1950 in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving is one son, Paul Reffner of Findlay, Ohio. One brother, Richard, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Saturday at 1:3 p.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer, pastor of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to the church, or to DeKalb Home Health Care Services.

Alice Hall 9-21-1989

GARRETT — Alice E. Hall, 86, of 500 W. Second St., Garrett, died Wednesday at 3:20 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn. She had been a patient at the hospital since Saturday.

Miss Hall retired in 1968 as an elementary teacher in the Garrett public schools with 47 years of [illegible]

She was a 1921 graduate of Garrett High School, and a 1942 graduate of Petse Lozzi Frobel in Chicago with a bachelor's degree in education.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and its Rachel Circle; the Garrett Business and Professional Women, which she served as past president and treasurer; and the Delphian Club, which she served as president, vice president, secretary, and [illegible] with the Garrett Girl Scouts in the 1930s. She was the district secretary of the Epworth League for 13 years.

Miss Hall was born Sept. 15, 1903 in rural DeKalb County to the late O. Perry and Jennie H. (Humbert) Hall.

Surviving her are one sister-in-law, Gertrude Hall of Garrett, and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, [illegible] Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. N. Dale Mendenhall, pastor of the Garrett United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to the DeKalb Unit of the American Cancer Society, or to the church.

Randall Lawson

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. — Randall C. Lawson, 77, died Tuesday in St. John's Hospital at Anderson, Ind.

Mr. Lawson resided in Noblesville at the time of his death.

He was a former teacher and basketball coach at Auburn High School from 1949 to 1956. He also was a teacher and coach at New Castle High School from 1931 to 1944 and 1956 to 1974, and at Wabash High School from 1944 to 1949.

He retired from coaching in 1960, but continued teaching until 1974.

Mr. Lawson, who was a member of the 1932 New Castle High School state champion basketball team, was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1985.

He received his bachelor's degree in 1939 from Butler University, and earned his master's degree from Ball State University in 1963.

At Auburn, he coached basketball teams to the championship of the Fort Wayne regional tourney in 1950, 1951 and 1952.

Mr. Lawson was a member of the National Education Association and the Retired Teachers Association. He also belonged to the First United Methodist Church in Noblesville.

He was born Dec. 31, 1911 in Wayne County, Ky.

He married Evelyn Wright in 1937. She preceded him in death in 1976.

Survivors include two sons, Charles T. Lawson of Noblesville and Randall C. Lawson Jr. of Marlborough, Mass; one sister, Mary Turner of New Castle, and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. in Flanner and Buchanan Broad Ripple Mortuary, Indianapolis.

Services will be Saturday at 12 noon in the funeral home. The Rev. Paul Kern, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Noblesville, will officiate. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, the Leukemia Society, or the First United Methodist Church in Noblesville.

Thelma Warner

BUTLER — Thelma O. Warner, 81, died Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

A homemaker, she resided at 305 W. Green St., Butler. She was a member of the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, rural Auburn.

Mrs. Warner was born Feb. 7, 1908 in Auburn to the late George Calvin Hutton and Grace Dean (Johnson) Hutton.

She married Bernard P. "Ben" Warner on Oct. 19, 1926 in Auburn. He preceded her in death March 18, 1982.

Surviving her are one son, Wilbur of Garrett; one daughter, Sharon McClellan of Garrett; two sisters, Wanda Heffley of Auburn and Melba Baughman of Wisconsin; one grandson, Calvin Warner of Butler; and one great-grandson, Cory Warner of Auburn.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dewey Findley, pastor of the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Heart Fund.

Joy Haynes

GARRETT — Joy E. Haynes, 50, died Thursday at 10 a.m. in her rural Garrett home. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Haynes was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in rural Auburn, and the Indiana Nursing Association.

She was born Feb. 7, 1939 in Walkerton, Ind., to Willard and Flossie (Knowlton) Stump. Her father survives in Garrett.

She married James M. Haynes on Aug. 11, 1963 in Walkerton. He also survives.

Other survivors are two sons, Gary and Philip, both of Garrett; and two daughters, Linda Haynes of Chicago and Sharon Haynes of Garrett.

One brother, Geroby, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 3-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. Donald Shankster, pastor of the church, officiating. Friends may call one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to Camp Mack, a Church of the Brethren camping and conference center.

Thelma Werner

BUTLER — Thelma O. Werner, 81, died Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

A homemaker, she resided at 305 W. Green St., Butler. She was a member of the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, rural Auburn.

Mrs. Werner was born Feb. 7, 1908 in Auburn to the late George Calvin Hutton and Grace Dean (Johnson) Hutton.

She married Bernard P. "Ben" Werner on Oct. 19, 1926 in Auburn. He preceded her in death March 18, 1982.

Surviving her are one son, Wilbur of Garrett; one daughter, Sharon McClellan of Garrett; two sisters, Wanda Heffley of Auburn and Melba Baughman of Wisconsin; one grandson, Calvin Werner of Butler; and one great-grandson, Cory Werner of Auburn.

Friends may call Saturday from [illegible] at Reed Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dewey Findley, pastor of the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Heart Fund.

Laverne Kaufman

Laverne Kaufman, 62, of Auburn, died Saturday at 7:06 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kaufman moved to Auburn in 1961. He retired in 1986 after 35 years as night superintendent for Cooper Industrial Products in Auburn. He also served on the Auburn Plan Commission and the Auburn Board of Zoning Appeals in the 1970s.

Mr. Kaufman was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge, American Legion Post No. 97, the American Production and Inventory Control Society, the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, Auburn.

He was born Feb. 25, 1927 in Hancock County, Findlay, Ohio to Frank and Violet (Nye) Kaufman.

On Sept. 30, 1950 he married Sue Snyder in Findlay. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Craig W. of Auburn; a daughter, Christine M. Grogg of Auburn; two brothers, Gerald of Findlay and Kenneth of Phoenix, Ariz.; three sisters, Verena Launder, Pauline Robinson, and Sharon Nagy, all of Findlay; and four grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. The Rev. Thomas Lallak will officiate.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Friends also may call at the church one hour before the service.

Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

The family prefers memorial gifts to the American Heart Association and DeKalb County Right to Life.

Amos Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Amos Trowbridge, 81, of 201 Waits Road, Kendallville, died at 8:30 a.m. Friday at his residence. He had been in failing health three years.

He was born in Orange Township, Noble County, Dec. 5, 1907, the son of Harry and Lilly (Fulk) Trowbridge. On June 30, 1927, he married Edith Cummins, who preceded him in death Nov. 3, 1982.

Mr. Trowbridge retired from General Electric shipping department after 35 years. He was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ, National Campers and Hikers Association and Ben Hur Lodge.

Surviving are a foster son, Russell Carper Sr. of Kendallville; two sisters, Mrs. Paul (Grace) Faux and Mrs. Verlin (Evelyn) Marshall, both of Kendallville; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A son, Donald, and three brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Ferman Creager 9-25-

BUTLER — Ferman F. Creager, 86, died Saturday at 7 p.m. in Meadowhaven Nursing Home, Butler.

Mr. Creager was a retired farmer. He previously lived at 6073 County Road 12, in Franklin Township north of Butler.

He was born March 31, 1903 in Troy Township to William and Nora (Mark) Creager.

He married Ethel Powell on June 14, 1924 in Butler. She died Dec. 31, 1984.

Surviving are two sons, Gerald, of Garrett, and Delbert, of Butler; three grandchildren, Cheryl Glaze, Kendallville; Rebecca Wasson, Auburn; and Jody Creager, Garrett; and four great-grandchildren, Tara and Jennifer Wasson, both of Auburn; and Andy and Susan Zawadzke, both of Kendallville. One great-granddaughter, Sarah Zawadzke, preceded him in death, along with one brother and one sister.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Leonard Shaffer, pastor of Spencerville United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Friends may call Tuesday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

Auburn Evening Star Obituaries – Tuesday – September 26, 1989

Ronald Shaw 9-26

GARRETT — Ronald L. Shaw, 50, died Monday at 9:20 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shaw had been a Garrett resident for 37 years.

He was employed as a stock keeper at International Harvester for 20 years, and he retired in 1980. He was a member of the Garrett Nazarene Church.

He was born July 30, 1939 in Lima, Ohio.

On Dec. 25, 1957 he married Donna Graham in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Katheryn Shaw of Hagerstown, Md., Marsha Shaw of Garrett, and Rhonda Koble of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two brothers, Gerald Shaw of Dayton, Ohio and Gary Shaw of Waterloo; two sisters, Sharon Rowlett and Lois Bartlett, both of Garrett; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-9 p.m. at Duke-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Randy Hartman, pastor of the Garrett Nazarene Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the American Heart Association, the Kidney Foundation, or the Diabetes Foundation.

Phillip Walker 9-26-1989

HELMER — Phillip C. Walker 51, of Helmer, died Monday evening at his residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Call 587-3733 for more information.

Phillip Walker

HELMER — Phillip C. Walker, 57, of Helmer, died Monday evening at his residence.

He was born in Greenfield, Feb. 25, 1932, the son of Frank and Thelma (Smelser) Walker. His mother survives in Helmer.

Mr. Walker, an avid golfer, was a Korean War U.S. Army veteran and had resided in Helmer 20 years.

Surviving with his mother are three sisters, Mrs. Jack (Bonnie Lou) Flaugh and Mrs. Orville (Annabell "Annie") Dennis, both of rural Hudson, and Mrs. LeRoy (Betty) Lawson of Auburn; and two brothers, Norman E. and Jerry G. Walker, both of Fort Wayne.

A brother, Donald, and a sister, Helen Mercer, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Rev. Vern Noll officiating. Military rites and burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Visitation is today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Thelma Warner

WATERLOO — Thelma E. Warner, 71, died Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at her home at 710 N. Wayne St.

She retired in 1983 as a bookkeeper for the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 23, 1918 in Waterloo to Arthur V. and Almeda (Korn) Warner.

Surviving her are one brother, Clayton Warner of Auburn, and one niece, Carole Hampel of Butler.

A brother, William A. Warner, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Abel, pastor of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

Marguerite Kummer

WATERLOO — Marguerite M. Kummer, 89, of rural Waterloo died Saturday at 4:20 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She was a homemaker.

She was born April 13, 1900 in Fort Wayne to the late Jacob and Minnie (Schmidt) Miller.

She married Clarence Kummer on April 26, 1919 in Fort Wayne. He died Oct. 28, 1980.

Surviving her are three sons, Jud and Richard, both of Waterloo, and Carl of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Mrs. John (Ruth) Burris of Redkey, Ind., Mrs. Sarah Scott of Reno, Nev., and Mrs. Phyllis Conner of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Robert Miller and Ervin "Bud" Miller, both of Fort Wayne, and Richard Miller of Ossian; two sisters, Kathryn Fuchs of Roanoke and Dorothy Smith of Winterhaven, Fla.; 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 1-9 p.m. in Elzy-Dickie-Haggard Funeral Home, Waynedale.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with Father Robert Traub officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Hazel W. Rennecker

Hazel W. Rennecker, 92, of Auburn, died today at 4:05 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of the area. She was a member of the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church and its Ladies Circle.

She was born July 5, 1897 in DeKalb County to the late Charles [illegible]

She married Lester Rennecker on Dec. 24, 1918 in Auburn. He died Sept. 29, 1977.

Surviving are two daughters, Iris Ramer of Auburn and Donna Carnahan of Albion; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Wilbur, Roy, and John Witt, and two sisters, Lazeal Boger and Mary Trenary.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dewey Findley, pastor of the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the Norris Chapel Building Fund.

Ralph Leas 10-2-1989

HUDSON — Ralph Leas, 91, of Route 2, Hudson, died at 10:15 p.m. Friday in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville, where he had been a patient three weeks.

He was born June 3, 1898 in Hudson, the son of Hezekiah and Caroline (Kistler) Leas. On March 24, 1920 in Auburn, he married Cora M. Barkley, who preceded him in death July 14, 1986.

Mr. Leas, a lifetime Hudson resident, was a retired farmer and substitute mail carrier for the Hudson Post Office for 30 years. He was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church and former board member of Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Edwin (Corolyn) Greenfield of Auburn, and Gladys Leas of [illegible] grandson, David Greenfield of Fort Wayne; and three great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Carl and Heber, and two sisters, Norma and Bonnie, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery.

Visitation is today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

Florence Schimpf

BUTLER — Florence Ethel Schimpf, 88, died Sunday at 10:55 p.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

Mrs. Schimpf had been a resident there since 1984. She had retired from Universal Tool and Stamping Co. in Butler after 17 years' service. She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 13, 1901 in Waterloo to L. Freeman and Eretta (Miller) Moore.

On June 24, 1925 she married Richard W. Schimpf in Auburn. He preceded her in death on May 11, 1904.

Surviving are one son, William R. Schimpf of Butler; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Teegardin of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Armour Keller, pastor of the Butler United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Butler United Methodist Church or to an organization of the donor's choice.

Paul Grogg 10-3-1989

WATERLOO — Paul D. Grogg, 70, died at 7:10 a.m. today at his residence after an extended illness.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Call 587-3733.

Paul Grogg

WATERLOO — Paul D. Grogg, 70, of 2355 C.R. 14, Waterloo, died at 7:10 a.m. Tuesday at his residence.

He was born in rural Butler Feb. 12, 1919, the son of Benjamin and Blanche (Olinger) Grogg. On May 10, 1941 in Waterloo, he married Rachel Smith, who survives.

Mr. Grogg moved to Waterloo from Butler 43 years ago. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a retired farmer. He was a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Cathy) Walker of Waterloo; three sons, Michael and John Grogg, both of Waterloo, and Bruce Grogg of [illegible]; [illegible] sisters, Randall Grogg of Hamilton, and Russell Grogg of Butler; and nine grandchildren.

A brother, Darwood, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Pastor Conard Wolf officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo.

Ron Huffer 10-5-1989

FORT WAYNE — Ron Huffer, 52, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday evening at home from lung cancer.

He was the son of Morris and Mary Huffer. His mother survives at LaVerna Terrace, Avilla. He married Alice Brand, who also survives.

Mr. Huffer was an insurance agent and president of Insurit Marketing Service. He was a star athlete while attending New Haven High School and he played football for Indiana University.

Surviving with his wife and mother are three sons, Steve, Stan and Stewart Huffer, all of Indianapolis; a sister, Mary Ann Brugner of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Everett Cook of Kendallville.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Harper & Sons Funeral Home in New Haven, where visitation is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Preferred memorials are to Harbor Light Center in Indianapolis, or Visiting Nurses and Hospice Service Inc.

Wava Stoy 10-5-1989

Wava G. Stoy, 78, died Wednesday at 8 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and resided at 1105 Susan St., Auburn. She was a member of the Hudson United Methodist Church, the Fairfield Extension Homemakers Club, and the St. John's Guild of Hudson.

She was born April 18, 1911 in DeKalb County to the late Ernest and Dessie (Shipe) Fifer.

She married Warren Deetz on April 25, 1927. He died Sept. 11, 1971.

She then married Otis Stoy on March 31, 1974, and he preceded her in death Sept. 10, 1980.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Raymond (Beverly) Kennedy of Auburn; one grandson, Rodney Kennedy of Auburn; and two great-grandchildren, Kelly and Erin Kennedy, both of Auburn.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ken Walker, associate pastor of Auburn First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial donations may be given to the St. John's Guild of Hudson.

Irvin Lewis 10-6-1989

GARRETT — Irvin W. Lewis, 74, died Thursday at 3:52 a.m. in Medco Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lewis had moved to Garrett from Auburn, and was a retired conductor and railroad worker for the B & O Railroad. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the Garrett Free and Accepted Masons, the Garrett Eagles lodge and the Garrett Elks.

He was born Oct. 6, 1914 in Garrett to Irvin L. and Lucy (Spoor) Lewis.

On Aug. 16, 1939, he married Betty Winn McCullough. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Janlee W. Pinnecker and Michelle R. Bradley, both of Fort Wayne; one son, Shannon J. Lewis of Hamilton; one brother, Richard Lewis of Garrett; three sisters, Betty Laurie of Auburn, Maxine Gill of Waterloo, and Ruth Zimmerman of Colorado; and four grandchildren.

One sister, Donna Lewis, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. William Hayworth, pastor of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Allen County Cancer Society or the St. Joe Medical Center Foundation.

David Shultz

10-7-1989

KENDALLVILLE — David A. Shultz, 46, of Route 1, Kendallville, died at 12:25 a.m. Friday at his residence. He had been ill since July with lung cancer.

He was born in Kendallville March 25, 1943, the son of Wallace W. "Mike" and Betty L. (Glass) Shultz. His father preceded him in death in August 1963. His mother, Betty (Shultz) Welch survives in Kendallville, along with his stepfather, Elroy Welch. On Oct. 17, 1964 in Ege, he married Diana L. Pratt, who also survives.

Mr. Shultz, a lifetime Kendallville resident, was owner/operator of his own truck for Schneider National of Fort Wayne. He was a U.S. Army veteran and member of Moose Lodge No. 1301 in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters, Babette Ball of Butler and Brandee Shultz, at home; two sons, Michael and Adam Shultz, both at home; two sisters, Rebecca Kruger of Auburn and Julie Scott of Kendallville; his maternal grandmother, Edna Glass of Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville; a grandson, David Arthur Ball; and three stepgrandsons.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Mary's of the Angels, Big Long Lake, with Rev. Conrad Schwiebold officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, where Moose services will be conducted at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Howard Alwood

ST. JOE — Howard Alwood, 68, died early Friday morning at his daughter's home.

He was a mail carrier for the St. Joe post office, and resided at 5800 County Road 60, St. Joe. He was a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ and the Leo American Legion.

Mr. Alwood was born Sept. 3, 1921 in DeKalb County to the late William and Mae (Daily) Alwood.

He married Naomi Beaty on April 18, 1957. She preceded him in death Dec. 20, 1987.

Surviving are one son, John Zimmerman of Auburn; one daughter, Carolyn Humbarger of St. Joe; one brother, Sam Alwood of Angola; three sisters, Anna Obendorf, Emily Tressler, and Margret Alwood, all of Butler; and three grandsons.

Three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-9 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Sherman Nichols, pastor of the St. Joe Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the church.

Calob Sherck

WATERLOO — Calob Alen Sherck died Friday at 4:21 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a premature birth to Dean Calvin and Tammy (Bennett) Sherck of 550 N. Wayne St., Waterloo.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one brother, Tyler, at home; his grandparents, Phillip Bennett of Angola, Pat Pildner of Massillon, Ohio, and John and Wilma Sherck of Waterloo; and his great-grandparents, Verle and Denver Ball of Madison, W.Va.

Graveside services were today at 10 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, with Conard Wolf, pastor of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, officiating.

Thelma Myers

GARRETT — Thelma B. Myers, 81, died Saturday at 6:55 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

A homemaker, Mrs. Myers had lived at 410 N. Randolph St., Garrett. She worked in the kitchen diet section at Garrett Community Hospital.

Mrs. Myers was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

She was born Oct. 28, 1907 in Auburn to John and Minnie (Benner) Sawyer.

On Oct. 31, 1933, she married Wilbur O. Myers in Goshen. He preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 1952.

Mrs. Myers is survived by a son, George B. Myers, Auburn; a daughter, Dona Dudash, Auburn; a stepdaughter, Juanita Horn, Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 1800 E. Seventh St., Auburn. The Rev. Lorin Harrison will officiate.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Glenn Westbrook

Glenn O. Westbrook, 74, of rural Auburn, died Saturday in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Westbrook retired in 1960 with 20 years of service as a truck driver for Perfection Biscuit Co. in Fort Wayne.

He was a graduate of Ashley High School and a member of the Butler Church of Christ and Teamsters Union Local 414.

He was born Aug. 23, 1915 in Ashley to Orville O. and Elizabeth (Conrad) Westbrook.

On March 15, 1975, he married Alice M. Springer in DeKalb County. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Randy, at home; a daughter, Gay Lou Bennett, Butler; two stepdaughters, Sherry Martin, Angola, and Linda Watson, Newville; two stepsons, Dan McCartney and Mark McCartney, both of Avilla; a sister, Thelma Leas, Ashley; two stepsisters, Phyllis Moore, Kensington, Calif., and Nerine Beghtel, Roanoke; several grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

A son, Kenneth, preceded him in death in 1935. A brother, Rupert Fosnaught, also preceded Mr. Westbrook in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. Dale Rabineau will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

The family prefers memorial gifts to the Glenn O. Westbrook Memorial Foundation.

Kenneth Applegate

HARLAN — Kenneth W. Applegate, 70, of Harlan, died at 3:50 p.m. Saturday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Allen County on Aug. 19, 1919. In 1975 he retired from General Electric after 32 years and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, the former Vera Leitch; two daughters, Darlene Schackow of Defiance, Ohio, and Penny Schackow of Harlan; three sons, Wayne Applegate of Auburn, Neal Applegate of Waterloo, and Terry Applegate of Fort Wayne; a sister, Delores McCurdy of Harlan; three brothers, Lester Applegate of Fort Wayne and Alfred and Junior Applegate, both of Harlan; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, where visitation is from 7-9 p.m. today and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association or Hospice Visiting Nurse.

Marie Kurtz

KENDALLVILLE — Marie Kurtz, 88, died Saturday, Oct. 7 at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She had been the owner and operator of Kurtz Florist in Kendallville for 30 years.

She was born Nov. 16, 1900 in Antwerp, Ohio to Julian and Clara Mae (Coffelt) Sweet.

She married Cecil Dow Kurtz on July 6, 1918 in Fort Wayne. He died in December 1961.

Surviving are three sons, Robert, of Milwaukee; Raymond, of Kendallville; and Ross, of Fowler, Ind.; a sister, Eva Yoquelet, Deming, N.M.; nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jeanne Milbourn; two sons, Dean and Richard; a brother, Merlin Sweet; and a sister, Edith Mabilangan.

She was a member and past president of Business and Professional Women, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Lady Elks. She was a member of the LOA Club, and the Faith United Methodist Church of Kendallville. She lived in Kendallville nearly 70 years before moving to Sacred Heart Home in 1984.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Glenn Copeland, pastor of Faith United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to Sacred Heart Home or Faith United Methodist Church.

Gloria Butler

KENDALLVILLE — Gloria A. Butler, 49, died Saturday at 3:20 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She resided at Route 5, Kendallville. She had been employed by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department for three years, until January 1988. She worked for the DeKalb County Emergency Medical Service for 10 years.

She was a graduate of the Grace Downs Airline School in New York. She attended the Corunna Community Church, and was a member of the Noble County Steam and Gas Engine Club. She was a former secretary of the Butler Chamber of Commerce.

She was born June 27, 1940 in Auburn to Henry Lung Sr. and Elma (Franks) Lung. Her mother survives in Hamilton.

She married David Butler on Dec. 23, 1987 in Corunna. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kelly Workman of Fort Wayne and Lori Sowle of Auburn; one son, Keith Keltner of Auburn; two stepsons, Kevin Butler of Hamilton and David Butler Jr. of Garrett; one stepdaughter, Karen Butler of Hamilton; two brothers, James Lung of Butler and Henry Lung Jr. of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and two sisters, Barbara Wagner of Warsaw and Nancy Shultz of Butler.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Richard Pickard, pastor of the Corunna Community Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Cancer Society, or to Noble County Compre Care at McCray Hospital in Kendallville.

Dorothy Jones

LORAIN, Ohio — Dorothy Jean Jones, 55, died Oct. 4 at her residence after a brief illness.

She was born July 4, 1934 in Lorain, and was a lifelong resident. She was a member of the Salvation Army.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Toney; four sons, Darrell, Tony and John, all of Garrett, and David of Vermillion, Ohio; four daughters, Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Pinkerton, Mrs. Scott (Gloria) Parsons, Verna Pullins, and Mrs. Rick (Kristal) Lynch, all of Lorain; one brother, William M. Blabey of Lorain; 21 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Blabey, in 1960; her mother, Verna, in 1962; and a brother, Thomas, in 1970.

Services were held Oct. 7 in Lorain.

Esther Whittig

HUDSON — Esther M. Whittig, 90, died at 3:45 p.m. Monday in Bob Nursing Home in Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Call 587-3733 for information.

Thelma Myers

GARRETT — Thelma B. Myers, 81, died Saturday at 6:55 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

A homemaker, Mrs. Myers had lived at 410 N. Randolph St., Garrett. She worked in the kitchen diet section at Garrett Community Hospital.

Mrs. Myers was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

She was born Oct. 28, 1907 in Auburn to John and Minnie (Benner) Sawyer.

On Oct. 31, 1933, she married Wilbur O. Myers in Goshen. He preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 1952.

Mrs. Myers is survived by a son, George B. Myers, Auburn; a daughter, Dona Dudash, Auburn; a stepdaughter, Juanita Horn, Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 1800 E. Seventh St., Auburn. The Rev. Lorin Harrison will officiate.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Rolland Bowser

FORT WAYNE — Rolland M. "Pappy" Bowser, 74, of Fort Wayne, died Monday at 4:14 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 25, 1915 in Mongo, the son of Ivan and Estella (Archer) Bowser. He married Alberta Haverstock, who survives.

Mr. Bowers retired in 1979 as a technician at Kraft Inc., Kendallville, after 11 years.

Surviving with his wife are five daughters, Ann Turner of Fort Wayne, Phyllis Archer of Huntertown, Eva Gordon of Wolcottville, Leola Nelson of Dulet, Minn., and Dorotha Miller of Kokomo; four brothers, Theodore Bowser of Garrett, Wayne Bowser of Florida, Orlo Bowser of Huntertown, and Junior Bowser of South Whitley; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Union Chapel Church in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour before services Thursday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the church building fund.

Esther Whittig

HUDSON — Esther M. Whittig, 90, of Hudson, died at 3:45 p.m. Monday in Cole Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born June 3, 1899 near Hudson, the daughter of Truman and Cora (Crain) Clay. On Nov. 24, 1916 in Angola, she married Charles Whittig, who preceded her in death April 25, 1953.

Mrs. Whittig, a lifetime Hudson area resident, was a homemaker and retired from the former Creek-Chub Company in Garrett. She attended Hudson United Methodist Church and was a former member of Polyanna Club of Hudson.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Art (Dorothy) Loucks of Hudson; a son, Roger Whittig of Angola; a sister, Mrs. Willard (Ethel) Barnes of Butler; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A daughter, Martha Fifer, and a son, Robert, preceded her in death.

Services willl be at 11 a.m. Friday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Rev. Vern Noll and Rev. David Cornwell officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Russell Stroh

Russell J. Stroh, 86, died at 7:30 a.m. today in his son's home at 3953 County Road 38, Auburn.

Mr. Stroh was a former teacher and a retired Grant Township farmer. He was a graduate of Valparaiso University and a former member of the Auburn Elks Lodge.

He was born Nov. 4, 1902 in DeKalb County to Marvin and Leona (Albright) Stroh.

In 1927, he married Grace Kutzli in Van Wert, Ohio. She preceded him in death in 1977.

One brother, Maurice, also preceded him in death.

Mr. Stroh is survived by a son, Jacque, of Auburn; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Doug Anderson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, will officiate.

Friends may call Saturday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

The family prefers memorial gifts to the American Cancer Society.

Auburn Evening Star Obituaries – Monday – October 16, 1989

Winslow Van Horne dies

Winslow Van Horne, 82, a prominent Auburn attorney, died Friday night in the hospital he helped to build.

Mr. Van Horne was a member of the group of citizens in DeKalb County who helped organize DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn in the early 1960s.

"He almost stopped his practice just for that," his son, Grant, said today. The elder Mr. Van Horne represented the hospital for 12 years without charge.

"Dad's interest was the law," said Grant Van Horne. For that reason, the only funeral service will be the traditional bar association service Tuesday at 10 a.m. in DeKalb Circuit Court. Mr. Van Horne's friends and associates are invited, his son said.

"He basically was a trial lawyer," said his son, who also is an attorney. The late Mr. Van Horne practiced law in East Chicago from 1928 until 1943, when he went to Indianapolis to serve as deputy attorney general. It was in that position that he argued three cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. He held that post until 1949, when he came to Auburn.

He came to the city at the request of judges Daniel M. Link and William P. Endicott, who were friends of his. Mr. Van Horne's wife, Mary, is a native of northeast Indiana whose father was a Fort Wayne attorney.

Former Circuit Court Judge Harold D. Stump remembered Mr. Van Horne as "an excellent student of the law."

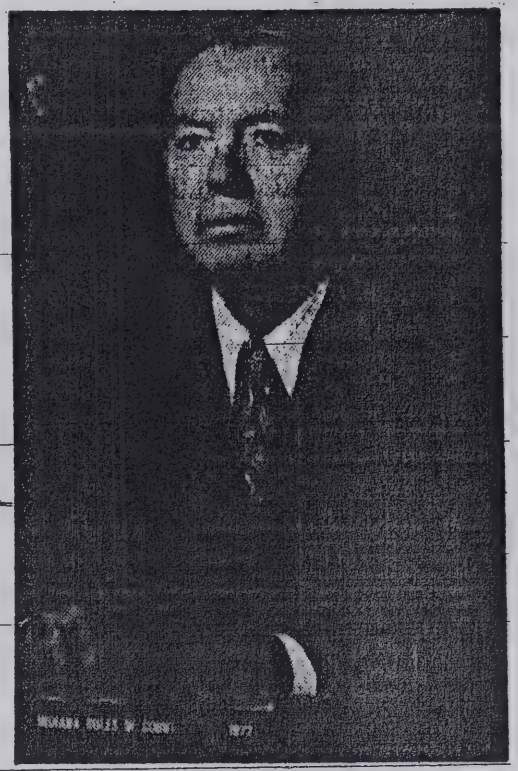
He said Mr. Van Horne was "the one who could see the need for some procedural changes in the law, which had become archaic." In 1968, the Indiana Supreme Court appointed Mr. Van Horne to the Civil Code Study Commission that drafted the rules of trial practice currently in use.

Mr. Van Horne was a graduate of Indiana University and Indiana University School of Law. He was admitted to the bar in 1928.

Mr. Van Horne was admitted to practice in the courts of Indiana and the federal courts of the northern and southern districts of Indiana and the Seventh Circuit.

He was an original member of the House of Delegates of the Indiana State Bar Association and served in that body until his death. He was chairman of the body in 1973 and 1974 and served on various committees of the state bar. He was chairman of the trial lawyers section of the bar association.

Mr. Van Horne was the founder of the Auburn law firm of Van Horne, Turner, Stuckey & McCanna. He retired from law practice in 1980.



Winslow Van Horne

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Auburn and the Greenhurst Country Club. He also was a member of the Auburn Masonic Lodge and had been a Mason for more than 50 years.

He was given the Sagamore of the Wabash award, the state's highest honor, by Gov. Otis R.

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Bowen.

Mr. Van Horne was born Oct. 18, 1906 in East Chicago to Willard B. and Laura (Winslow) Van Horne.

On Feb. 1, 1936, he married Mary Kathryn Grant in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are his son, Grant; a daughter, Susan Fischer, Auburn; six grandchildren, Tom Fischer, Tim Fischer, Laura Fischer, Charlie Van Horne and Clara Mary Van Horne, all of Auburn, and John Van Horne of Costa Mesa, Calif.; and a brother, William Van Horne of California.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Emery, and a brother, Willard B. Van Horne Jr.

The family prefers memorial gifts to DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are by Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Mary Shumaker

LAGRANGE — Mary Frances Shumaker, 67, died at 5:08 p.m. Saturday in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

A homemaker, Mrs. Shumaker had lived on Route 1, Pleasant Lake. She was a member of the Ashley United Methodist Church, the Ashley Order of the Eastern Star and the Ashley United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Shumaker was born July 14, 1922 in Plumville, Ky. to Reuben and Carey Thompson (Carpenter) Dixon.

On June 26, 1949, she married Wayne S. Shumaker in Fleming County, Ky. He preceded her in death Sept. 2.

Mrs. Shumaker is survived by four sons, Daniel Shumaker of Valparaiso; Capt. Dennis Shumaker of R.A.F. Lakenheath, United Kingdom; Mark Shumaker of Fremont; and Earl Keith Shumaker of Ashley; a daughter, Sandra McCormick of Pleasant Lake; two brothers, Charles Dixon of Auburn and Jerry Dixon of Flemingsburgh, Ky.; and two sisters, Edith Firestone of Ashley and Joyce N. Collins of Northridge, Calif.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. David Cornwell, pastor of the Ashley United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

The family prefers memorial gifts to the Ashley United Methodist Church.

Waneta Tuck

GARRETT — Waneta B. Tuck, 85, a lifetime resident of Garrett, died Saturday at 9:48 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Tuck was a homemaker and a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 6, 1903 in Garrett to Walter and Eva (Geib) Clark. On June 23, 1924 in Hillsdale, Mich. she married Edward Tuck. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Grayson, of Eden Prairie, Minn., three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home of Garrett. The Rev. Dale Mendenhall, pastor of Garrett United Methodist Church, will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorial Gifts may be given to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Rady Ousley

GARRETT — Rady Ousley, 56, died Tuesday at 7:04 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He had resided in Garrett since 1950. He worked in the maintenance department of Electric Motors and Specialities, Garrett.

Mr. Ousley was a member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge and the Garrett post of the American Legion.

He was born Nov. 9, 1932 in Hippo, Ky., to the late William and Margaret (Bailey) Ousley.

Surviving him are his long-time companion, Louanna Witherspoon; three sons, Gary Long of Kendallville, Kenneth Long of Peru, Ind., and Adis Long of Three Oaks, Mich.; two brothers, Oscar of Garrett and Charles of Auburn; five sisters, Marie Jones and Sandra Handshoe, both of Garrett, Bobbi Greenwell of Auburn, and Norma and Iona Jones, both of Kendallville; and two grandchildren.

One brother, Addis, and one sister, Lucy, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Garland L. Whittington, pastor of the Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church, Garrett, will officiate. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Cebe Roberts

FORT WAYNE — Cebe L. Roberts, 79, died Tuesday at 7:40 a.m. in the Regency Place Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Roberts was retired from her work as a salesperson for Stillman's and Grand Leader department stores.

She was born Jan. 10, 1910 in Wickliffe, Ky. to John H. and Donie (Madden) Stovall.

Surviving are three sons, H.E. "Gene" Roberts, Auburn; Paul Roberts, Wickliffe, Ky.; and Edwin O. Roberts, New Haven; a daughter, Miriam E. Sichanis, Fort Wayne; a brother, Colie B. Stovall, Fort Wayne; two sisters, Johnie Sullivan, Wickliffe, Ky., and Cozette Simmons, LaCenter, Ky.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. The Rev. David Keller will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to Calvary United Pentecostal Church, Fort Wayne, where she was a member.

Felix Newman

FORT WAYNE — Felix J. Newman, 88, died Wednesday at 2:13 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He retired from General Electric Co., Fort Wayne, in 1965 with 24 years of service. He was a member of the Grace St. John United Church of Christ and the Sons of the American Legion.

He was born Dec. 27, 1900 in New Bremen, Ohio, to the late Henry L. and Emma (Fluegel) Newman.

His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1962.

Surviving are one son, James F. Newman of Auburn; two daughters, Donna Henscher of Fort Wayne and Jean M. Beehler of Bradenton, Fla.; one brother, Lester Newman of Wapokeneta, Ohio; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Craig Amlin officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to the Grace St. John United Church of Christ, or to the Allen County Cancer Society.

James Brown

KUNKLE, Ohio — James H. Brown, 54, died Wednesday afternoon on arrival at Williams County Community Hospital in Montpelier, Ohio.

He was employed in the road maintenance division of the Ohio Turnpike. He was a member and trustee of the Kunkle United Brethren Church, and a lifelong resident of the Montpelier area.

He was born Sept. 16, 1935 in Montpelier to Arthur and Lola (Bell) Brown. They survive in Montpelier.

He married Ruth Eberly on March 19, 1954 in Montpelier. She also survives.

Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Kathleen Gillette of Corunna (wife of the Rev. Jim Gillette), and Mrs. Larry (Rosemary) King of Nuremberg, Germany; three sons, Arthur of Kunkle, Van of Pioneer, Ohio, and John of Alvordton, Ohio; two brothers, Ronald and Joe, both of Montpelier; one sister, Mrs. Delores Purgason of Montpelier; and eight grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-9 p.m. (Ohio time) at Wilson-Geesy Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. (Ohio time) in the Kunkle United Brethren Church, with the Rev. Darwin Dunten and the Rev. George Cole officiating. Burial will be in West Buffalo Cemetery, Montpelier.

Memorial donations may be made to the church.

Fred H. Gee

AUBURN — Fred H. Gee, 84, died Thursday morning at home.

He was born August 1905 in Newville, the son of Sherman and Mary (Baker) Gee. In 1934 he married Sylvia M. Stamen, who preceded him in death in 1972.

A lifetime resident of the area, Mr. Gee was a retired inspector for Warner Gear, where he had been employed 25 years, retiring in 1966. He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge No. 566.

Surviving are a son, Fred K. Gee of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Julia Nagel of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling 3-9 p.m. today, with evening Moose Lodge services. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Make A Wish.

Fred Gee

Fred H. Gee, 84, died Thursday morning at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Gee had been a lifetime resident of the area, and was a retired inspector for Warner Gear. He worked with Warner for 25 years, retiring in 1966.

He was a member of Auburn Moose Lodge No. 566.

He was born Aug. 11, 1905 in Newville to Sherman and Mary (Baker) Gee.

In 1924, he married Sylvia M. Stemen in Hillsdale, Mich. She preceded him in death June 23, 1972.

Two sons also preceded him in death, R.B. Wayne Gee and Charles R. Gee.

Surviving are one son, Frederick S. Gee of Auburn; three daughters, Betty Jean Pate of Alabama, Clarise J. Tilghman of Auburn, and Bernadette J. Kock of Waterloo; 16 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 10-11 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Alice Hupp, pastor of the First Christian Church in Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery, St. Joe.

Friends also called Friday, and Moose Lodge No. 566 conducted a memorial service Friday night.

Memorial gifts may be given to an organization of the donor's choice.

Glenn LeMay

HUDSON — Glenn A. LeMay, 78, of Big Turkey Lake, rural Hudson, died in LaGrange Hospital Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

He had lived at Big Turkey Lake for 39 years, moving there from Fort Wayne. Mr. LeMay retired in 1972 after 25 years of service with American Hoist Co. in Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 25, 1910 in Allen County to Garry and Amelia (Stoll) LeMay.

On Sept. 28, 1943, he married Maud Swartz in Decatur. She survives.

Also surviving is a sister-in-law, Lorene LeMay of Fort Wayne.

Three brothers preceded Mr. LeMay in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. Dave Carkenord, pastor of St. Michael's Church in Waterloo, will officiate.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Bernice Hollabaugh

ALBION — Bernice Hollabaugh, 78, of Route 3, Albion, died at 4:15 p.m. Sunday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been ill two weeks.

Born in Yoder, Feb. 2, 1911, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Romine. On Jan. 20, 1954 she married Albert Hollabaugh, who preceded her in death in June 1970. Mrs. Hollabaugh moved to Albion from Spencerville three years ago.

Surviving are a son, Delon Waltenberger of Albion; a sister, Marie Chrzan of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Six Corner Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

Jeep falls, kills Waterloo man

WATERLOO — A Waterloo man died Saturday when a vehicle he was repairing fell on top of him.

Paul D. Carper, 30, died at the scene Saturday at 12:30 p.m. He was working at his home at 180 W. Lockhart St., Waterloo.

Dr. William Hathaway, DeKalb County coroner, said a Jeep slipped from cement blocks while Mr. Carper was underneath. The vehicle rested on the man's chest and shoulder, preventing him from breathing. Hathaway said the cause of death of asphyxiation.

Mr. Carper was an employee of the Auburn Foundry.

He was born March 27, 1959 in Auburn to Floyd "Bud" Carper Jr. and Dorothy Yarlot Carper. They survive in Waterloo.

He married Sheila Winebrenner on Aug. 5, 1989 in the Assemblies of God Church in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are one stepson, Michael Rae Winebrenner, at home; one sister, Christine Isaac of Kendallville; and his in-laws, Richard and Linda Winebrenner of Angola.

Friends may call today from 3:30-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Darold L. Beck, pastor of the Angola Assemblies of God Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to charities for abused children.

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Chelsea Carnahan

FREMONT — Chelsea Mae Carnahan, age 6 months, died today at 6 a.m. in her home in Fremont.

She was born April 13, 1989 to Rachel Carnahan of Fremont and Jack Robbins of Angola. Both parents survive.

She is also survived by one sister, Marie Carnahan, at home; a paternal grandmother, Marsha Robbins of Quincy, Mich.; a paternal grandfather, James Robbins of Fort Worth, Texas; a maternal grandmother, Marie Yoder of Fremont; a maternal grandfather, Terry Thomas of Auburn; maternal great-grandparents, Amos Yoder of LaGrange, Dorothy Yoder of Toledo, Ohio, and Betty Shaw of Auburn; and paternal great-grandparents, Lindal and Mary Keener of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Zelma Hentzell

LAGRANGE — Zelma June Hentzell, 68, of Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange, died there at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

She was born in Mongo, May 19, 1921, the daughter of James Garfield and Eldora (Thomas) Nelson. In October of 1952 she married Arthur Hentzell in LaGrange. He survives.

Mrs. Hentzell was a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Sheila Sattison of Angola; two sons, Harold Wickizer of Waterloo, and Allan Hentzell of Angola; a stepson, David Hentzel of Detroit, Mich.; a sister, Irene Weiss of Three Rivers, Mich.; two brothers, Clifford Nelson of Mongo, and Harold Nelson of Fremont; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Rev. F. Eugene Fauntleroy officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Diabetes Association or LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Ellen Reed

WABASH — Ellen Mae Reed, 34, died Thursday afternoon in Wabash County Hospital.

She had resided at 1667 Pike St., Wabash, and was employed by ARC of Wabash County.

She was born Feb. 18, 1955 in Trenton, Mich., to the late Fredrick D. and Helen Fay (Weirs) Reed.

Surviving her are her twin sister, Elaine Four of Angola, and another sister, Carol Brandt of Ossian; three brothers, Richard Reed of St. Joe, Ronald Reed of Angola; and Kenny Reed of Coldwater, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Saturday from 6-9 p.m. and Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services are Monday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Steven Reed officiating. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery, Leo.

Memorial donations may be made to Pathfinders Services Inc.

Forest Arnett

ST. JOE — Forest Fern Arnett, 88, died Friday at 1 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a resident of St. Joe, and had been a homemaker. She was a member of the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

She was born May 20, 1901 in Burkettsville, Ohio to Charles and Minnie Haynes.

On July 19, 1919, she married Russell E. Arnett in Celina, Ohio. He preceded her in death Feb. 2, 1976.

Two sons, Eugene and Charles, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Luella Maloney of Columbia City and Charlene Lochner of Cedarville, Ind.; one son, Russell Jr. of Spencerville; one brother; five sisters; 20 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 1800 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church. Rev. Nancy Schoff, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the church or to the Concord Township Fire Department.

Norma Turner

LAGRANGE — Norma Turner, 60, 215 W. South St., LaGrange, died at 8:50 p.m. Thursday in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. She had been ill one year.

She was born July 16, 1929 in Sturgis, Mich. the daughter of Richard and Doreen (Cornwell) Davis. Her father and stepmother survive in Haines City, Fla.

Mrs. Turner was a licensed practical nurse and had lived in LaGrange since August, moving here from Orlando, Fla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. David Turner-Ranly of Kendallville and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday in Frurip-May Funeral Home with Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Anna Glass

PIQUA, Ohio — Anna E. Glass, 76, died Saturday at 1:45 p.m. in Stouder Memorial Hospital, Troy, Ohio.

She was the mother of John Glass, a former Auburn resident who recently moved to Redkey, Ind.

Mrs. Glass was a homemaker, and formerly resided at 1614 Grant St. in Piqua and at the Miami County Health Care Center. She was a member of the First United Church of Christ in Piqua.

She was born Sept. 3, 1913 in Pleasant Hill, Ohio, to the late Edgar and Mabel (Goss) Jay.

She married Lester A. Glass on June 3, 1933. He preceded her in death Jan. 14, 1984.

Surviving are one son, John Glass of Redkey, Ind.; one daughter, Mrs. James (Jean) Rigsby of Piqua; two brothers, David Jay of Covington, Ohio, and Donald Jay of Piqua; one sister, Mrs. Ed (Norma) Terborg of Englewood, Ohio; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One daughter and two brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in Jamison & Yannucci Funeral Home, Piqua.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ernest Virgint officiating. Burial will be in Miami Memorial Park, Covington, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association.

Garman Dohner

BUTLER — Garman "Dick" Dohner, 65, died Sunday at 1:45 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient one day.

A lifelong resident of the Butler area, he retired as a receiving inspector clerk from Commercial Shearing in Butler. He was a U.S. Army veteran, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion in Butler.

He was born Nov. 6, 1923 near Butler to the late Harold Johnson Dohner and Mabel Dessie (Green) Dohner.

Surviving him are three sons, Barry of Avilla, Gregory of New Mexico, and Eric of Butler; one brother, Gordon of Jones, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Garland Blair of Hamilton and Mary Studer of Coldwater, Mich.; four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Friends may call today from 3-9 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Legion Post in Butler.

Glenn Towers

BUTLER — Glenn Dale Towers, 66, died Friday at his home in Butler.

He had lived in Butler since 1963. He retired from Commercial Shearing and Stamping in Butler in 1986, with 24 years of service.

He was a member of Butler American Legion Post 202, and was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

He was born July 7, 1923 in Wilshere, Ohio, to Walter M. and Florence (Blank) Towers. His father survives in Edgerton, Ohio.

He is also survived by two sons, Allen of Yacolt, Wash., and Larry of Sedro Woolley, Wash.; two daughters, Mrs. Glen (Marilyn) Lamphre of Sedro Woolley, and Rose Marie Towers of Sturgis, Mich.; one brother, Duane of Edon, Ohio; and 13 grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-9 p.m. in Wilson-Geesy Funeral Home, Montpelier, Ohio.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Willard Delaney, pastor of the Columbia Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier.

Memorial donations may be given to the Butler American Legion Post, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Franklin Boger

Franklin D. Boger, 49, died Tuesday at 7:35 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Boger had lived at 5149 County Road 29, Auburn, and worked as a mail carrier for the Auburn post office.

He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn, and was on the board of directors for the church food bank.

He was born Feb. 2, 1940 in Auburn to Harold and Dorothy (Mavis) Boger. They survive in Auburn.

On June 13, 1959, he married Nancy Lung in Auburn. She survives.

He also leaves two sons, Matthew, stationed at Fort Devens, Mass. with the U.S. Army, and Von, at home; one daughter, Amy, a student at Vincennes University; four brothers, Clarence and Larry, both of Auburn, Michael of Worthington, Ohio, and John of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three sisters, Gloria Boger and Carolyn Trammel, both of Auburn, and Marlene Boger of Avilla; and his mother-in-law, Mildred Lung of Auburn.

Two sons, Scott and Timothy, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn. The Rev. Don Dennison, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be sent to the church or to the church food bank.

Lilah Gilbert

PLEASANT LAKE — Lilah M. Gilbert, 90, of Pleasant Lake, died Tuesday at 4:30 a.m. in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

She was born May 18, 1899 in Pleasant Lake to Shirley L. and Nettie M. (Deller) Gilbert.

Miss Gilbert attended Tri-State College and earned a teaching license from Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

She was an elementary school teacher in Pleasant Lake and Garrett, retiring from Garrett in 1967. She also traveled with the Swarthmore and Red Path Chautauqua for 10 years.

She was a member of Psi Iota Xi, Rho Chapter, and its auxiliary; Garrett Business and Professional Women, Pleasant Lake Home Economics Club, and the State Board of Education Textbook Commission. She taught Sunday school for 36 years at Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, where she was a member.

She was a past president of the Northeastern Teachers Association, a member of the retired teachers organization of Steuben and DeKalb counties, and a member of the National Education Association.

Surviving are one sister, Martha Gilbert Tuttle, Angola; three brothers, Ned Gilbert of Auburn; Ross Gilbert, Prudenville, Mich.; and Harry Gilbert, Oxnard, Calif.; two nieces and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd and John.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. The Rev. Douglas Dabies will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

Edna Coffing

BOSCAWIN, N.H. — Edna V. Coffing, 88, died Tuesday at 5:30 a.m. in Merrimack County Nursing Home, Boscawin, N.H.

She had resided at the nursing home seven years, and was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Concord, N.H.

She was born June 4, 1901 in Garrett to the late Daniel and Ella (Schope) Lung.

She married Walter Coffing, who preceded her in death in 1947.

Surviving are three daughters, Geraldine Barnard of Concord, N.H., Madeline Brugh of Florida, and Arlene Monroe of Kalamazoo, Mich.; 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, Garrett, with the Rev. Dale Mendenhall, pastor of the Garrett United Methodist Church, officiating. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wesley United Methodist Church in Concord, N.H.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of local arrangements.

Grace Galbreath

FORT WAYNE — Grace Galbreath, 88, died at 9:30 p.m. Saturday at the home of a son in Show Low, Ariz.

The Fort Wayne native moved to Arizona 30 years ago. She was a homemaker.

Her husband, Elsworth, preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters, Violet Pierce and Lillian Remmert, both of Payson, Ariz., Ruth Youghan of Tempe, Ariz., and Eleanor Galligher of Albion; two sons, Robert Galbreath of Show Low, Ariz., and William Galbreath of Columbia City; two brothers, Carl L. Brinkman of Fort Wayne, and William Brinkman Sr. of Hudson; 33 grandchildren; 80 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. MST (12:30 p.m. Indiana time) Friday at Camelback Sunset Chapel, Phoenix, Ariz., with calling there 5-8 p.m. MST Thursday. Burial will be in Mountain View Cemetery, Mesa, Ariz.

Frank Boger made God real to people in need

FINAL TRIBUTE — Franklin Boger (back row, in wheelchair) posed one last time as a member of the Indian Village Church of God food bank last Thursday. He and his wife, Nancy (seated beside him) founded the food bank. Mr. Boger died Tuesday at age 49. (Star photo by Lee Sauer)

By LEE SAUER

Some people view God as an abstraction, a concept.

Not Frank Boger.

Boger — postman in a Santa Claus suit, church musician, craftmaker, food bank volunteer, father, brother, son — died Tuesday. He was 49.

"He said to me the day before he died that if he would die right then, he was ready," said his daughter, Amy Boger. "It's hard that he's gone, but I know where he is."

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The fourth of eight children born to Harold and Dorothy (Mavis) Boger arrived Feb. 2, 1940. He was christened Franklin Dale.

"We called him 'our little Dutchman,'" said his mother. "Grandma Mavis taught him the 23rd Psalm and he talked so Dutch, you couldn't understand him."

One photograph of her son sticks out in Dorothy Boger's mind. "He and Nancy were sitting together in church when they were just little," she said.

Little Nancy Lung became Mrs. Franklin Boger on June 13, 1959. "We knew each other all our lives," said Nancy. "I just knew I wanted to marry him."

But not everything in Frank's life was predestined. He is probably best known in Auburn for his work in securing food for the hungry, through the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank.

His selflessness wasn't always so evident.

"He was always getting into trouble," said his mother.

Frank loved salmon, but the food was rationed during World War II. "He went down to the basement and ate a whole can of salmon by himself," said Dorothy. "I could have skinned him."

And he had a streak of youthful irreverence.

Nancy remembers what Frank told Zeke Young when the Auburn High School football coach asked if he could pass a football.

"Coach," Frank said, according to Nancy, "I can pass anything I can swallow."

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The physical Frank Boger changed over the years, even though the spiritual Frank Boger remained constant.

Auburn children of yesteryear remember Boger as the Santa Claus postman. Frank joined the Auburn Post Office in 1966 and walked 15 miles a day, according to Nancy. On the week before Christmas, he dressed up as Saint Nick to deliver Christmas greetings.

If an elderly woman along his route made a purchase at a local store, Frank would put the package in his mail bag and deliver it to her home.

But one day, while delivering mail, Frank stepped on a walnut or rock and fell down a flight of steps, landing on his ankle.

He began using crutches in 1975. Then, after foot ulcers, diabetes, and a series of three amputations in the late 1980s, he began to use a wheelchair.

But it wasn't correct to say he was confined to a wheelchair.

"He said to me, 'I don't want to die in a wheelchair. I want to get around and do stuff,' " said Carolyn Trammel, Frank's sister.

He didn't give up.

Frank's older brother, Clarence, built a workshop so the two men could make woodcrafts: cats, ducks, Scottie dogs, napkin holders.

Frank continued to maintain the sound equipment, direct children's music, and teach Sunday School at his home church, County Line Church of God.

If family members or friends needed plumbing or electrical work, Frank was there.

Still, it was a battle.

"Everyday he would try to get up and walk (with his prostheses)," said Amy Boger. 'Even when it hurt him, he tried."

Frank struggled to get back on his feet, but his spirit soared.

"He played an electric keyboard every day and he'd sing for a couple hours, even when I wanted him to be quiet," said Amy, who — through her father's influence — is majoring in classical voice at Vincennes University.

One of Frank's favorites was a duet he sang with his daughter, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

...commin' for to carry me home...

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Concepts and abstractions are fine for philosophers. But real people have real problems that demand real answers.

Mary Burnett, a next door neighbor to the Boger family since the 1970s, remembered the first time she met Mr. Boger. "He said my name is Frank because I am. And he was. He was very frank. He didn't pull no punches," said Burnett.

Two years ago in November,

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Nancy and Frank felt helpless. They had found a family that needed the basics of life. Then another. The Bogers helped where they could, but wished they could do more.

"We just saw so many people hurting and we just couldn't help them all ourselves," said Nancy.

Auburn City Councilman Paul (Doc) Trausch suggested starting a food bank. That was all the Bogers needed to hear.

"Frank told me a couple of years ago how he parked out in back (of a west Auburn food store) and watched what they were throwing out," said Burt Dickman, Auburn mayor. "He then asked the manager if he could get (the throwaways — mostly outdated bakery goods) for the food bank."

Today, the food bank is recognized as an area leader in providing real substance to people in need.

One week ago today, food bank workers were being photographed with members of Girl Scout Troop 164, who were making a donation. Dickman was present and noticed Boger, sitting in his wheelchair, off to one side as Sheryl Prentice, The Evening Star's lifestyle editor, photographed the group.

"I said, 'Hey Sheryl, the real hero is over here,' " Dickman recalled. Boger wheeled into the community picture one last time.

"It came out (in the newspaper) on the day he died," said Dickman.

Burnett, the next door neighbor, has a fixed image of Franklin Boger.

"I was laid off for a year and they kept us. They fed us, and talked with me. Just helped me to handle the emotional part of being laid off," she said of the Bogers.

Then, without pausing as if uncertain about how what she was about to say would be taken, she said, "They helped me find my strength in the Lord. I wouldn't be a Christian today without these people.

"They showed me that God is real."

Edna Coffing

GARRETT — Friends of Edna V. Coffing, 88, may call Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon at McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett.

Mrs. Coffing died Tuesday at 5:30 a.m. in Merrimack County Nursing Home, Boscawin, N.H.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, near Garrett, with the Rev. Dale Mendenhall, pastor of the Garrett United Methodist Church, officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wesley United Methodist Church in Concord, N.H.

James Miller

MISSION, Texas — James Vernon Miller, 72, of Waterloo and Mission, Texas, died in Mission Oct. 25. He had suffered a heart attack last summer.

He was born in Middlebury Oct. 28, 1916. In 1942, he married Evelyn L. Morgan, who survives.

Mr. Miller had lived in Kendallville 17 years, moving to Waterloo in 1969. He had been employed by Conrail 43 years and was a Conrail agent in Kendallville 17 years. He and his wife owned and operated the Green Parrot Restaurant in Waterloo for eight years.

Surviving are a son, Gregory Miller of Martinsville; two brothers, William L. Miller of Adrian, Mich., and Larry Dean Miller of Goshen; and two grandchildren.

One brother and one sister preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Middlebury.

Charles Wirick

OSSIAN — Charles "Al" Wirick, 63, of Ossian, died at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Albion Oct. 26, 1926, he was the son of Thomas and Olera (Heltzel) Wirick. Mr. Wirick was a heavy equipment operator for Adams Center Landfill in Fort Wayne and was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion, and VFW Post, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly; three daughters, Mrs. Larry (Linda) Rice and Mrs. Dave (Deanna) Cashdollar, both of Fort Wayne, and Jodi Wirick of Auburn; two sons, Mike and Charles Wirick, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mary Belle Kline of South Milford, Ruth Reinoehl of Avilla, and Ruby Shaffer of Muncie; two brothers, Melvin Wirick of Kendallville, and Robert Wirick of Albion; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in Elzey-Dickey-Haggard Funeral Home, Ossian, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday and two hours before services on Sunday. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Freda Ferguson

Freda M. Ferguson, 87, died Thursday at 1 p.m. in DeKalb Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Ferguson was formerly of 5509 County Road 44, Auburn, and a member of the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 24, 1902 in Hicksville to Fred and Mae (Roop) Warfield.

On Nov. 28, 1923, she married Harold Ferguson in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Larry (Gloria) Lind of Auburn; four half-sisters, Glenny Ginder and Esther Walter of Butler, Lena Hinschlager of Auburn, and Dorotha Getrost of Cindy, Ohio; one granddaughter, Christina Truelove of Garrett; and two great-grandsons, Jeremiah and Joshua Truelove, both of Garrett.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Clinton Moser will officiate.

Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Irene Spake

EDGERTON, Ohio — Irene E. Spake, 89, died early today in Fountain Manor Care Center, Hicksville, Ohio. She was a former Butler resident.

Mrs. Spake was born Feb. 1, 1900 in Dupont, Ohio to Manford and Julia (Ladd) King.

She was the widow of Ellsworth Spake, who preceded her in death in 1971. A daughter also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Spake is survived by a daughter, Esther Bell of Auburn; a son, Sonny Spake of Butler; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Benjamin King of Edgerton and Garford King of Edwardsburg, Mich.; and three sisters, Frances Wynn of Coldwater, Mich., Buelah Sommer of Fremont and Doris Graetz of Toledo, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton. The Rev. Nelson Cairl will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 4 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

The family prefers memorial gifts to either the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Ralph Shanlin

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph H. Shanlin, 83, Kendallville, died at 2:40 p.m. Friday in Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home here.

He had been in failing health since June and a resident of the Lutheran Home here since August 1987.

Mr. Shanlin was a lifetime barber.

He was born June 10, 1928, in Avilla, the son of David and Edna (Fairbanks) Shanlin. He was married June 10, 1928, to Dorothy Nessel who preceded him in death on May 7, 1979.

Surviving are one aunt, Lucille Imes of Avilla; and five cousins, Tom Imes, Jack Whitford, Roberta Hile and Virginia Yanuszeski, all of Kendallville, and Patricia Gilliland of Garrett.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Shepherd of the Hill with Rev. Roger Olson officiating.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home and noon to 2 p.m. Monday at Shepherd of the Hill.

Prefered memorials to the American Cancer Society or Shepherd of the Hill.

John Travers

FORT WAYNE — John J. Travers, 81, died Friday at 8:15 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Travers lived in Fort Wayne. He was born April 14, 1908 in Fort Wayne to Peter and Elizabeth (Hartnett) Travers.

He was a brakeman and conductor for the Nickel Plate Railroad for 37 years, retiring in 1973.

He is survived by his wife, Golda; two sons, Norman Roark, Auburn, and Jeremiah Travers, New Haven; one daughter, Joyce Phillips, Cincinnati; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Chapel Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Covington Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Wanda Grimm

GARRETT — Wanda M. Grimm, 60, died Sunday at 3:10 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was secretary/bookkeeper for M & S Steel Corp. in Garrett for 15 years, and worked for the Garrett Telephone Co. for eight years. A Garrett resident, she was a member of the First Church of Christ and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 6, 1928 in Fort Wayne to the late Harry H. and Myrtle (Shannon) Worden.

She is survived by two sons, Kirk of Garrett and Michael of San Jose, Calif.; three brothers, Harry S. Worden of Lake Panasoffkee, Fla., Edward Worden of Fort Wayne, and Richard Worden of New Haven; and two grandchildren.

One brother, Jackie Worden, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer, pastor of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in the Leo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Garrett Humane Shelter.

Ardis Spindler

KENDALLVILLE — Ardis H. Spindler, 88, a resident of Shepherd of the Hill, died there at 7:28 p.m. Saturday.

She was born in Garrett Feb. 27, 1901, the daughter of George and Pauline (Weiss) Spindler. She was a member of the Lutheran Home Auxiliary.

Only cousins survive.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Shepherd of the Hill with Rev. Roger Olson officiating.

There is no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Grace Norman

HUDSON — Grace E. Norman, 87, of First Street, Hudson, died at 8:25 a.m. Sunday in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born in Hillsdale, Mich., Sept. 16, 1902, the daughter of Charles F. and Dessie M. (Somcelott) Mansberger. On Sept. 19, 1920 in Hudson, she married Donald J. Norman, who preceded her in death May 20, 1978.

Mrs. Norman had lived in Hudson 65 years and was a homemaker. She was a member of Hudson United Brethren Church and its WMA and the former Polyanna Club.

Surviving are a daughter, JoAnn Boneff of Angola; a son, Dean W. Norman of Hudson; a brother, Paul Mansberger of Hudson; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A sister, Mary Pauline, and a brother, Robert M., preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hudson United Brethren Church, with Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Irene Quinn

FORT WAYNE — Irene R. Quinn, 83, of 2210 Beacon St. died Saturday at 11:17 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

She lived in the Auburn area from 1931-1950 and was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, its rosary sedality, and the Jim Eby Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was born Sept. 10, 1906 in Fort Wayne to the late August E. and Felecia (Girard) Parnin.

She married Edward J. Quinn Sr. on June 17, 1931 in Fort Wayne. He died in 1947.

Surviving are three sons, Edward J. Quinn of Ashburn, Va., Richard J. Quinn of Fort Worth, Texas, and William R. Quinn of Fort Wayne; one brother, Edward F. Parnin of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. A rosary service will be tonight at 7:30 in the funeral home.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Jude's Catholic Church, 2101 Pemberton Drive, Fort Wayne, with Father Michael Maurer officiating. Friends may call at the church one hour before the service. Burial will be in the Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

Carlos Gonser Sr.

ST. JOE — Carlos D. Gonser Sr., 70, died Monday at 9:40 a.m. in the Veterans' Administration Medical Center, Fort Wayne. He had been a patient there for three weeks, and was in failing health for several months.

He was a construction mason, and a World War II Navy veteran. He was a past member of the Hicksville, Ohio, Eagles Lodge.

He was born Jan. 20, 1919 in Ligonier to the late Grover and Emma Louise (Hart) Gonser.

He married Agnes P. Bigger on July 3, 1939. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Rex of Waterloo and Carlos Jr. of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Mary McKnown of St. Joe; two step-brothers, William and Edward Miller, both of Bryan, Ohio; two sisters; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

One brother, one sister, and one half-sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call today after 2 p.m. and Wednesday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Ken Wellman of the Hicksville First Church of Christ officiating. The Hickville American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct graveside military services in Riverview Cemetery, Newville.

Erna Fiedler

NEW HAVEN — Erna E. Fiedler, 90, died Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Fiedler was a resident of Gar Creek, near New Haven in Allen County. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Gar Creek, and its Ladies Aid Society.

She was born Sept. 14, 1899 in Defiance County, Ohio, to the late Joseph and Meta (Meyer) Lange.

She married William F. Fiedler on May 27, 1923 in New Haven. He died May 19, 1967.

Surviving her are two sons, Virgil of Spencerville and LaVerne of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Mrs. Frank (Phyllis) Laudahn of Spencerville; eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and two grandchildren preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-9 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1910 N. Berthaud Road, New Haven, with calling one hour before the service. The Rev. Ron Francis will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the St. Paul organ fund, or to The Lutheran Hour.

Wayne Keen

HUDSON — Wayne L. Keen, 63, of Route 1, Hudson, died Monday at 7:15 p.m. in Medco Plaza, Fort Wayne.

He was an assistant cost analyst for Cooper Industrial Products for 19 years. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the Amateur Radio Club.

He was born March 3, 1926 in Fort Wayne to the late Royal and Alidea (Hathaway) Keen.

He married Charlotte A. Ensign on March 30, 1950 in Huntington. She survives.

Other survivors are one son, Charles of Columbia City; three daughters, Becky Beaver of Leesburg, Jan Hatton of Fort Wayne, and Nila Ward of Kendallville; one brother, Lyle Keen of Fort Wayne; one sister, Pat Draper of Tri Lakes, and eight grandchildren.

There are no calling hours. A graveside service will be Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Rosehlawn Cemetery, Auburn. The Rev. Paul Griebel, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kendallville, will officiate.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Holsinger

GARRETT — Mary R. Holsinger, 91, died Friday at 6:15 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Holsinger had been a homemaker, and was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

She was born Oct. 1, 1898 in Fort Wayne to Ralph and Daisy (Crist) Springer.

On Nov. 3, 1919, she married Walter Holsinger in Garrett. He preceded her in death in 1973.

Three brothers, Harry Springer, John Springer, and Walter Springer, and one sister, Ellen Owens, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Jean Lewis of Garrett and Ann Kemm of Monticello, Ky.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett. The Rev. William Haworth, pastor of Garrett Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

Memorial donations may be sent to Garrett Presbyterian Church. McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett is handling funeral arrangements. No calling hours are planned.

Erica Ann Voirol

ANGOLA — Erica Ann Voirol was stillborn at 1:05 p.m. Tuesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital of Fort Wayne.

She was the infant child of Kelly Joseph and Laura (Guiff) Voirol of Hawkback Lake in rural Angola.

Also surviving are grandparents Donald and Pat Guiff, of Fremont, Ohio, and Gregory and Mary Lou Voirol, of Waterloo.

A graveside service will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Sedan Cemetery, in rural DeKalb County. The Rev. Ralph Diehl, pastor of Calvary Chapel Church of Waterloo, will officiate.

Feller Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mary Comisky

GREELEY, Colo. — Mary Jane Comisky, 97, a former Altona resident, died Saturday at Centennial Health Care Center in Greeley, Colo.

She was a former employee of Dana Corp. in Auburn, and the Garrett Telephone Co. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, and a charter member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

Mrs. Comisky was born Sept. 30, 1892 in Altona to the late Joshua and Susie (Message) Baker.

She married James Arthur Comisky on June 24, 1911. He preceded her in death Dec. 10, 1942.

Surviving her is one daughter, Leone Roseberry of Pierce, Colo.; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Mary Elizabeth Smith of Kendallville, also preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be held Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services are Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with the Rev. Gary Sigler, the church's pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

F. Maurine Young

BUTLER — F. Maurine Young, 80, died Sunday at 8:45 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Young was a former resident of 5003 County Road 40, Butler. She was a homemaker and also had worked as a cook for the 113 Restaurant in Auburn and at Glen Oaks Nursing Home. She was a member of the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church.

She was born April 16, 1909 in Silver Lake, Ind. to Elmer and Theodosia (Mumaw) Kuhn.

On June 22, 1929, she married Wellington Young in Silver Lake. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Young of Butler and Dr. Merle Young of Hillsdale, Mich.; two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Melva) Carnahan of Kissimmee, Fla. and Janet Houser of West Liberty, Ohio; one brother, Willard Kuhn of Burket, Ind.; one half-brother, Harvey Kuhn of Cameron, Mont.; one half-sister, Evelyn Krieger of Akron, Ind.; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One brother, two half-sisters, and one great-grandchild preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3:30-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church. The Rev. Nancy Shoaff, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Laura Lortie

Laura Maybelle Lortie, 84, died Saturday at 2:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Lortie had been a former resident of Wesley Park Apartments, and was a member of the Trinity Eastern Star lodge in Fort Wayne.

She was born June, 17, 1905 in Payne, Ohio to Fred and Mary Ann (Carpenter) Dager.

On March 18, 1921, she married Willard Lester Leonard in Monroeville. He died in 1962.

In 1965, she married Frances Lortie in Besason, Ind. He preceded her in death in 1968.

Two daughters, Marjorie Sower and Mary Dernadine Leonard; one son, Howard Frances Leonard; one sister; two brothers; and two grandchildren also preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Willard J. Leonard of Huntington; two daughters, Dorothy I. Arnett of Ashley and Iva L. Maldeney of Auburn; two brothers, Deloss Dager of Fort Wayne and Walter Dager of Convoy, Ohio; three sisters, Marie Barkley of Decatur, Ind., Olive Girardot of Monroeville, and Donna Belle Gleckler of Texas; two stepdaughters and four stepsons; 18 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

An Eastern Star memorial service will be tonight at 7:30 in the funeral home.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Wayne Smith, retired pastor of the Bible Baptist Church, Auburn, will officiate.

Burial will be in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Desmond Yeiser

ST. JOE — Desmond "Mose" Yeiser, 84, died Saturday at 9:38 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Yeiser was the former owner and operator of Yeiser's Standard Service Station in St. Joe, a former St. Joe fire chief and town board president.

He was born Feb. 6, 1905 in St. Joe to Lloyd W. and Iva (Baughman) Yeiser.

On March 1, 1924, he married Doris D. Keesler in St. Joe. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Donald K. Yeiser and Harold L. Yeiser, both of St. Joe; one daughter, Rosemary Means of Springville, Tenn.; one sister, Harriett L. Baker of St. Joe; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Pastors Sherman Nichols, Dennis King and Douglas Holley will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial donations may be sent to the St. Joe fire department.

Jay Byerley

AVILLA — Jay C. Byerley, 56, died at 9:35 a.m. Sunday in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was born July 31, 1933 in Fort Wayne, the son of Albert and Evelyn (Couts) Byerley. On June 16, 1951 he married Alice C. Stillman, who preceded him in death Jan. 23, 1988.

Mr. Byerley moved from Fort Wayne to Avilla in 1969 and retired from International Harvester in 1981 after 30 years. He served with the United States Air Force from 1953-61 and was a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mannfred (Cozette) Berger of Avilla, and Mrs. Carl (Jamie) Senniager of Fort Wayne; two sons, Howard J. Byerley of Denoc Aberding, Md., and Erick Byerley of Auburn; two brothers, Paul B. Byerley of Avilla, and Gene A. Byerley of Grabill; and several grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Rev. Randy Harman officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Laura Tompkins

BUTLER — Laura Edith Tompkins, 75, died Monday at 7 p.m. in her Butler home.

She was retired from her work as an accountant for a Chevrolet dealership in Jackson, Mich., and was a member of the Butler Church of Christ.

Mrs. Tompkins was born June 15, 1914 in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, to the late Oliver and Effie (Hodge) Bungard.

She married William Tompkins on Nov. 12, 1844. He died Aug. 30, 1984.

Surviving her are one son, William Tompkins Jr. of Phoenix; three brothers, Oliver Bungard of Waterloo, James Bungard of California, and Lynn Bungard of Elyria, Ohio; one sister, Bessie Spangler of Maryland; and one grandson.

One son, James, and one daughter, Beth Ann, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the Butler Church of Christ, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Friends may call one hour before the service at the church.

Burial will be in National Cemetery in Battle Creek, Mich.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the church.

Johnson Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Frank Laudahn

SPENCERVILLE — Frank L. Laudahn, 65, of 5553 County Road 64, Spencerville, died today at 3:50 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born March 5, 1924 in Monroeville to Frank H. and Ethel Mae (Von Buskirk) Laudahn.

He was married Sept. 11, 1948 in Fort Wayne to Phyllis E. Fiedler. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Stanley Frank Laudahn, in the military service; and two sisters, Leota Newport, Three Rivers, Mich., and Bernice Brittson, Wren, Ohio.

One daughter and two sisters preceded him in death.

Mr. Laudahn was retired after working 37 years at Phelps Dodge in Fort Wayne. He was a veteran of World War II, and member of the Leo post of the American Legion and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville.

Private services will be Thursday at Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. There will be no calling. Burial will be in White City Cemetery, Spencerville.

Memorial donations may be directed to the American Heart Association or National Kidney Foundation.

Bonnie Murphy

FORT WAYNE — Bonnie L. Murphy, 56, died Tuesday at 2:40 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She had been a patient there for two weeks, and had lived at 409 Edgewood Drive, Fort Wayne for several years. She worked as a sales clerk for S & V Liquors in Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 19, 1932 in Auburn to Paul and Irene (Poppele) Olinger. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are an aunt, Betty Shaw of Auburn, and an uncle, Dick Poppele of Angola.

Friends may call Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dean Norris, pastor of the Auburn Baptist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Rosella Spencer

HUNTINGTON — Rosella May Spencer, 69, died at 3:11 a.m. Thursday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne. She retired in 1974 as salesman for War Cry magazine for the Salvation Army.

Her husband, Bernard, preceded her in death in 1975.

Surviving are a daughter, Rosella M. Stouder of Huntington; three sons, Vernon Bird of Kendallville, James Spencer of Clintonville, Wis. and Charles Spencer of Huntington; a sister, Dora Grate of LaGrange; four brothers, Oliver Waters of Sheridan, Mich., Ed Waters of Huntington, Darl D. Waters of Waterloo, and Charles Waters of Nashville, Tenn.; and 10 grandchildren.

Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Bailey-Schafer Memorial Chapel, Huntington, with calling there today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Preferred memorials are to the Salvation Army.

Michael T. Ricks

LAFAYETTE — Michael T. Ricks, 84, father of Michael J. Ricks of Auburn, died Monday in Vero Beach, Fla.

Mr. Ricks was born in Lafayette Aug. 25, 1905 and lived in that area until he retired and moved to Vero Beach in 1979.

Mr. Ricks was an attorney in Lafayette for 41 years, associated with the firm of Stuart, Branigan, Ricks and Schilling from 1941 until 1975. He was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and received his law degree from Georgetown University.

Active in his community, Mr. Ricks served on the board of National Homes Corp. and National Homes Acceptance Corp., Lafayette Savings Bank and St. Elizabeth Hospital. He was also active in Little Theater, Lafayette Symphony and the Knights of Columbus.

He was a member of the Tippecanoe Bar Association, American Counsel Association, and St. Boniface and Holy Cross parishes.

Mr. Ricks was married Sept. 15, 1934 to Veronica Jordan, who survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Michael J. and family, Susan, Heather and Megan, of Auburn; Thomas of Philadelphia, Theodore of Boston, Stephen of Indianapolis, and Alan of Youngstown, Ohio; one daughter, Susan R. Austin of Arlington, Va.; 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Vero Beach, with the funeral and burial in Lafayette.

Murriel Hess

Murriel M. Hess, 75, of Auburn died Wednesday at 2:10 a.m. in DeKalb Health Care Center, where she had been a patient for five days.

She was a homemaker and a 1931 graduate of Ashley High School. Mrs. Hess was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn and its Harvest House, the Senior Citizens 76, the DeKalb County Council on Aging, and the DeKalb County Senior Citizens.

She was born Jan. 10, 1914 in Pettisville, Ohio, to the late Freeman J. and Nellie (Swanson) Saunders.

She married Roma A. Hess on Aug. 26, 1933 in Auburn. He died in 1979.

Surviving her are one daughter, Marilyn Delagrange of Carmel, Ind.; three sons, Ronald R. of Wolcottville, Larry L. of Auburn, and Dennis D. of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

A prayer service will begin Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Her funeral service will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Thomas Lallak officiating. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemtery.

Memorial donations may be given to masses at the church.

Isabel Hollis

GARRETT — Isabel M. Hollis, 92, died Thursday at 9:45 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett, where she had lived since 1983.

Mrs. Hollis was a homemaker, and had lived in Garrett since 1938. She attended St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett.

She was born June 13, 1897 in Wallen, Ind. to the late George S. and Mary (Pepe) Campbell.

She married Joseph Hollis on March 4, 1918 in Albion. He died in 1942.

Surviving are three sons, Marion, Francis, and Forrest, all of Garrett; three daughters, Kathryn Thomas of Garrett, Donna Fike of Auburn, and Dolores Frymier of Kendallville; one half-brother, Cleo Campbell; one sister, Nora Campbell of Fort Wayne; one half-sister, Violet Ferrier of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

One grandson preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 7-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services are Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Gary Sigler, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic church or school.

Albert Graham

LAGRANGE — Albert "Daddy" Graham, 80, died Thursday at 1:15 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange. He was a retired farmer and a trustee of Millgrove Township.

Mr. Graham was one of the founders of the Prairie Heights School Corp., a Mason and a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

He was born May 30, 1909 in Branch County, Mich., the son of Ethelbert and Maggie (Moffett) Graham. He was married May 22, 1936 to Genevieve Terry, who survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, James Graham of Angola and David Graham of Palm Beach, Fla.; one daughter, Mrs. Gordon (Janet) Grabill of Angola; one brother, Donald Graham of Bronson, Mich.; one foster son, Mayor John Riemke of Kendallville; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Orland with Rev. Mark Emelander and Rev. Paul Loucks officiating.

Calling will be from 3-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Masonic services will be held tonight at 7:30 at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Memorial donations may be made to the Orland Congregational Church.

Marion Webb

Marion O. Webb, 59, of North Jackson Street, Auburn, died Sunday at 6 p.m.

At the time of his death, he had been tending horses at the home of Harland V. Hippensteel Jr., M.D., southwest of Auburn.

Mr. Webb was a folder operator at Parrot Press in Fort Wayne. He formerly owned Webb Dog Shows and Printing Co. in Auburn. He also was a member of the Bar None Saddle Club.

Mr. Webb was born Nov. 15, 1930 in Auburn to Clayton and Fern (Stamp) Webb. They preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death was a granddaughter, Tiffany.

Mr. Webb is survived by a son, John of Auburn; four daughters, Lelia Webb of Butler, Daphne Richmond of Hamilton, Dianne Herzberg of Hamilton, and Helen Snellenberger of West Palm Beach, Fla.; his former wife, Dorothy Webb of Butler; a sister, Maxine Nelson of Angola; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Lee Stump will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Mr. Webb will be buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family prefers memorial gifts to the DeKalb County Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Paul Hagerty

Paul L. Hagerty, 74, died Sunday at 6:45 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Hagerty had resided at 1301 Hiawatha Place, Auburn. He retired in 1978 as an engineer for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, with 36 years of service.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Auburn, the Auburn post of the American Legion, and the United Transportation Union.

He was born Feb. 3, 1915 in Hudson to Harry and Cleo (Sidell) Sloat, who preceded him in death. His adoptive parents, Lewis and Hattie Hagerty, also preceded him in death.

He married Wilma Oechsle on Nov. 26, 1946 in Auburn. She survives.

Other survivors are two daughters, Carman Hunter and Yvonne Holom, both of Auburn; two sisters, Pauline Glass of Auburn and Vera Murden of Buchanan, Mich.; five grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren, one great-grandchild, and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

Two half-brothers, Paul and Harry Sloat, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Doug Anderson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the Auburn post of the American Legion or to the church.

Joseph Peters Sr.

LAGRANGE — Joseph C. Peters Sr., 87, died at 2 a.m. Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor. He worked at International Harvester and was a farmer.

Mr. Peters' first wife, Evelyn Martin, died in 1961.

He is survived by his second wife, Thelma; two daughters, Eileen Neuhouser of Otter Lake, Angola, and June Hughes Mitchell of Fort Wayne; four sons; Raymond Peters of Spencerville, Eugene Peters of Sturgis, Mich., Lester Peters of Howe and Joseph C. Peters Jr., of LaGrange.

Also surviving are one stepdaughter, Margaret Maples of LaGrange; a stepson, Richard Rosendaul of LaGrange; 32 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and a brother, George Peters of Fort Wayne.

Services were at 1 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. The officiating pastor was Rev. Titus Morningstar. Burial is in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne. Memorials to Valentine United Methodist Church.

Mayme Perryman

FORT WAYNE — Mayme Irene Perryman, 70, died at 1 a.m. Friday at Lutheran Hospital. Born in Crookston, Minn., she lived in Fort Wayne most of her life.

She retired from General Electric Co. after 32 years. Her first husband, Gifford Blain, and her second husband, John C. Perryman, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Cecil Blain of Fort Wayne and James Blain of Austin, Texas; a daughter, Carol Jump of Hudson; a brother Orin Wermager of Fort Wayne; seven sisters, Odella Olson of St. Cloud, Minn., Alma Melhouse and Doris Lien, both of Crookston, Edlen Hutchison of Port Charlotte, Fla., Esther Steffens of Fort Wayne, Elsie Wolfe of Las Vegas, Nev., and Gilma Leonard of Boulder City, Nev.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services at 2 p.m. today at Elzey-Dickey-Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Chester Wurtsbaugh

LAGRANGE — Chester D. Wurtsbaugh, 91, died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at home.

Mr. Wurtsbaugh had worked at Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and was a special sheriff's deputy for 41 years.

Surviving are his wife, Nellie; a son, C. David Wurtsbaugh of Centreville, Mich., two daughters, M. Aleatha Harrison of Constantine, Mich., and Wilma L. Ellis of LaGrange; 12 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Rev. Carldean Merifield will officiate. Calling is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial is in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Memorials to the American Heart Association or the LaGrange County Homebound Health Care Center.

Lillian Nolt

STROH — Lillian Nolt, 78, died at 11 p.m. Friday at the Carlin Park Health Care Center in Angola.

She was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on June 6, 1911 to Henry Jackson and Lillian (Hartley) Jackson. Mrs. Nolt lived in Fort Wayne for many years before moving to Stroh in 1960 with her husband. She was a homemaker.

Her husband, Jack, preceded her in death in 1976.

Mrs. Nolt was a member of Stroh Homemakers Club and Stroh Church of Christ. She was a volunteer for many years at Parkview Memorial Hospital and at Golden Years Homestead Inc., in Fort Wayne.

She had one sister, Ivy Jackson, who preceded her in death in 1985. She had no surviving children.

Services were at 1 p.m. today at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson. Pastor Robert Kirtland officiated at the service. Burial is in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Memorials to Stroh Church of Christ building fund.

Chalmer Ferguson

Chalmer Ferguson, 86, a former Jackson Township farmer, died today at 8 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Chalmer Ferguson

Chalmer Ferguson, 86, died Monday at 7:40 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He had resided at Meadowhaven Nursing Home, Butler, for the past 15 years, and was a former Jackson Township farmer. He previously lived at Route 2, Auburn.

He was born Oct. 27, 1903 in Jackson Township to the late James and Florence (Grube) Ferguson.

He is survived by one sister, Alice Ferguson of Butler.

One brother, Arthur, and one sister, Esther Marie Ferguson, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Eugene Woolever officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Edward Bentz

FORT WAYNE — Edward T. Bentz, 75, of Fort Wayne, died Monday at 6:16 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

He is the father of Donald E. Bentz of Auburn, who survives.

Also surviving Mr. Bentz are his wife, Dorothy, and another son, Thomas R., of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Estella Tester, Dolores Harshman, Esther Egly, and Marcille Coyne, all of Decatur; four brothers, Herman, Leo, Alfred (Shorty), and Francis Bentz, all of Decatur; and six grandchildren.

Edward Bentz retired in 1978 after 41 years with Wolf and Dessauer, of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Zwick, Sefton, and Jahn Funeral Home of Decatur, or Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (before the funeral service) at the church.

A rosary service will be held tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

Burial will be in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Decatur.

Memorial gifts may be given to St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Marcellus Ritter

ANGOLA — Marcellus Ritter, 85, died at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mr. Ritter was retired from Pet Milk Corp., Angola.

Surviving are his wife, Mattie; two daughters, Betty Coutz of Montpelier, Ohio, and Sharon Zeigler of Edon, Ohio; a sister, Irene Dole of Angola; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services at 2 p.m. Saturday at Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with calling from 7-9 p.m. today. Burial in Mount Zion Cemetery, near Angola.

Kelley Treace

FORT WAYNE — Kelley M. Treace, 20, died Thursday evening in a shooting incident at a home in Fort Wayne.

Miss Treace was a hairdresser at Village People salon, where she had worked for two years.

She was a member of the Woodview Church of God in Fort Wayne, the Disabled American Veterans Unit 15 of Goshen, Ind., and Job's Daughters of Huntertown.

Miss Treace was born Dec. 7, 1968 in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her father and stepmother, John and Janice Treace of Fort Wayne; her mother and stepfather, Ella (Ransbottom) and Virgil Tyler of Fort Wayne; her fiance, Tim Squier of Angola; a brother, Everett Liggitt of Auburn; a sister, Darlene Thomas of Churubusco; two stepbrothers, David Treace of Fort Wayne and Charles Treace of Bryan, Ohio; and one stepsister, Ellis Emerick of Bryan, Ohio.

Services were today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Sam Muncie officiating. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Albert Lamtz

LEO — Albert Lamtz, 88, died Sunday at 2:50 p.m. in Regency Place Health Care of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lamtz owned and operated Lamtz Digging Service of Leo. He was a member of the Leo United Methodist Church

He was born Oct. 21, 1901 in Allen County to Fred and Anna Lamtz. On Oct. 21, 1932 he married Minnie (Walker) Lamtz in Leo. She preceded him in death Jan. 24, 1985.

He is survived by one daughter, Shirley Bunch of Leo; one brother, Henry Lamtz of Fort Wayne; one sister, Ida Malcolm of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Three brothers preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville, or one hour prior to the funeral service. The funeral will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Leo United Methodist Church. The Rev. Ross Cook will officiate.

Burial will be in the Leo Cemetery. Memorial donations may be sent to the church or to the Cedar Canyon Fire Department ambulance fund.

Rhoda Little

Rhoda L. Little, 74, died Saturday at 3 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Little was an office manager for Hoham & Co. for several years, and lived at 1105 Highland Drive, Auburn, for 30 years.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn, and a former member of the Sigma Beta Sorority and Greenhurst Country Club, both of Auburn.

She was born Jan. 24, 1915 in Auburn to the late Wesley and Lola (Provines) Carper.

She married Robert H. Little on Oct. 24, 1947 at her parents' farm on County Road 29 near Auburn. He survives.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dr. Clark Hobby, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

Auburn Evening Star Obituaries – Thursday – November 30, 1989

Jerry Aldrich

HAMILTON — Jerry W. Aldrich, 55, of Hamilton, died Wednesday afternoon in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 30, 1934 in Van Wert, Ohio, the son of John and Florence (Oberlin) Aldrich, who survive in Hamilton. On Sept. 30, 1987 on Hamilton Lake, he married Pam Gorrell, who also survives.

Mr. Aldrich was a salesman for C.D. Equipment and a member of Hamilton Fish & Game and Hamilton Masonic Lodge F. & A.M. No. 701.

Surviving with his wife and parents are two daughters, Laura Aldrich of Nashville, Tenn., and Marla Babcock of Pleasant Lake; four sons, Richard Aldrich of Indianapolis, Mike Aldrich of Angola, Rex Aldrich of Auburn, and David Aldrich of Hopewell, N.J.; two stepdaughters, Tammy Rinehart of Ashley, and Sherry Hepburn of LaOtto; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Wilson Funeral Home, Hamilton, with Rev. Herschel Murray officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Hamilton Methodist Church building fund or the American Heart Association.

Ruth Walburn

AVILLA — Ruth A. Walburn, 67, formerly of 664 Dowling St., died at 7:26 p.m. Tuesday in Sacred Heart Home.

She was born in Sturgis, Mich., June 11, 1922, the daughter of Frank and Claris (Benninghof) Ream. On Aug. 22, 1943 in Kendallville, she married Charles Walburn, who preceded her in death Dec. 29, 1986.

Mrs. Walburn, a housewife, was a member of the Church of Christ, Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Russell (Melanie) Womack of Auburn; two sons, Steven E. Walburn of Findlay, Ohio, and Dan W. Walburn of Midland, Mich.; three sisters, Betty June Davis of Fort Wayne, Dorothy Banks of Florida, and Janice Ream, address unknown; a brother, Paul Ream of Arizona; and six grandchildren.

A brother, Robert, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Ellis Crum officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Ruth Walburn

AVILLA — Ruth A. Walburn, 67, formerly of 664 Dowling St., died at 7:26 p.m. Tuesday in Sacred Heart Home.

She was born in Sturgis, Mich., June 11, 1922, the daughter of Frank and Claris (Benninghof) Ream. On Aug. 22, 1943 in Kendallville, she married Charles Walburn, who preceded her in death Dec. 29, 1986.

Mrs. Walburn, a housewife, was a member of the Church of Christ, Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Russell (Melanie) Womack of Auburn; two sons, Steven E. Walburn of Findlay, Ohio, and Dan W. Walburn of Midland, Mich.; three sisters, Betty June Davis of Fort Wayne, Dorothy Banks of Florida, and Janice Ream, address unknown; a brother, Paul Ream of Arizona; and six grandchildren.

A brother, Robert, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Ellis Crum officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Jerry Aldrich

HAMILTON — Jerry W. Aldrich, 55, of Hamilton, died Wednesday afternoon in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 30, 1934 in Van Wert, Ohio, the son of John and Florence (Oberlin) Aldrich, who survive in Hamilton. On Sept. 30, 1987 on Hamilton Lake, he married Pam Gorrell, who also survives.

Mr. Aldrich was a salesman for C.D. Equipment and a member of Hamilton Fish & Game and Hamilton Masonic Lodge F. & A.M. No. 701.

Surviving with his wife and parents are two daughters, Laura Aldrich of Nashville, Tenn., and Marla Babcock of Pleasant Lake; four sons, Richard Aldrich of Indianapolis, Mike Aldrich of Angola, Rex Aldrich of Auburn, and David Aldrich of Hopewell, N.J.; two stepdaughters, Tammy Rinehart of Ashley, and Sherry Hepburn of LaOtto; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Wilson Funeral Home, Hamilton, with Rev. Herschel Murray officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Hamilton Methodist Church building fund or the American Heart Association.

Patricia Schibel

Patricia A. Schibel, 63, of Auburn died Thursday at 9:13 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She had been employed as a Pinkerton security guard.

She was born Jan. 28, 1926 in Fort Wayne to the late Herbert M. and Aimee (Phillips) Shulze.

Surviving her are one son, Joseph K. of Angola; one brother, Phillip H. Shulze of Fremont; two grandsons and one granddaughter.

One son, Alan, two brothers, and one sister preceded her in death.

There will be no calling hours or funeral service. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, at a later date.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Beaulah Waters

WATERLOO — Beaulah Waters, 73, died Thursday at 10:15 p.m. in her home at 885 S. Center St., Waterloo.

She was born June 29, 1916 in Butler to Fred and Kathryn (Worthington) Madden.

On Aug. 16, 1938 she married Elias W. Waters in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving is one sister, Ruloy Dirrim of Hamilton. Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Ronald Stambaugh, pastor of the Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo, will officiate.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Auburn Evening Star Obituaries – Monday – December 4, 1989

Eva Knowles

Eva G. Knowles, 92, died Saturday at 4:45 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett, where she had resided for seven years.

She formerly lived on West Ninth Street in Auburn, and was a homemaker and former employee of the Auburn Rubber Co.

Mrs. Knowles was a member of the Indian Village Church of God, and a former member of the K of P and Rebekah lodges.

She was born June 4, 1897 in Hicksville, Ohio, to the late George and Sarah (Ames) Warfield.

She married Edwin H. Knowles on April 8, 1932 in Angola. He died March 10, 1969.

Surviving are one daughter, Alta Stoops of Auburn; one grandson, John Stoops; one granddaughter, Pat Stalter of Garrett; and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 3-6 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Vern Noll officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Romay Maxwell

WATERLOO — Romay E. Maxwell, 76, died Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in his home at 2419 County Road 31, Waterloo.

He was a retired Smithfield Township farmer.

He was born Jan. 5, 1913 in Allen County to the late Frank and Ethel (Leeth) Maxwell.

He married Esther Smith on March 20, 1937 in Auburn. She survives.

Other survivors are one son, Fred Maxwell of Auburn; five brothers, Lawrence of Wolcottville, Harland of Jacksonville, Fla., Norbert of Fort Wayne, Gerald of Coesse, Ind., and Richard "Dick" of Columbia City; three sisters, Arvada Ruble of Kendallville, Helen Spangler of Tavares, Fla., and Marguerite Talmadge of Williston, Mich.; and three grandsons, Michael, Robert, and Charles Maxwell, all of Auburn.

One daughter, Nancy Maxwell, and one brother, Lester, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dr. Clark E. Hobby, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Carl 'Dutch' Houser

LAOTTO — Carl E. "Dutch" Houser, 78, died Saturday at 8 a.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

He was a retired farmer and lived at Route 1, LaOtto. He was a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church of LaOtto, the Wayne Cooperative Milk Producers Association, the LaOtto Community Association, and the Indiana Tractor Pulling Association. He also held memberships in the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, the Fort Wayne Mizpah Shriners, the Huntertown Masonic Lodge, and the Order of Eastern Star No. 388.

Mr. Houser was born Sept. 13, 1911 in DeKalb County to the late Lloyd and Jennie (Kelham) Houser.

He married Harriett Moudy on Dec. 28, 1935 in LaOtto. She died Sept. 23, 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Carol Houser of Kendallville and Karen K. Parker of LaOtto; one son, Max G. of LaOtto; three brothers, Robert of California, James of North Fort Myers, Fla., and Wilson of Garrett; three sisters, Ruth Lee of Waterloo, and Maurine Moss and Edith Surfus, both of Auburn; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Perry and Joseph, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Huntertown F & A.M. Lodge will conduct a memorial service tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Kathleen Kamerzell, pastor of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be given to the church or to the LaOtto Community Association.

Patricia Schible

Patricia A. Schible, 63, of Auburn died Thursday at 9:13 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She had been employed as a Pinkerton security guard.

She was born Jan. 28, 1926 in Fort Wayne to the late Herbert M. and Aimee (Phillips) Shulze.

Surviving her are one son, Joseph K. of Angola; one brother, Phillip H. Shulze of Fremont; two grandsons and one granddaughter.

One son, Alan, two brothers, and one sister preceded her in death.

There will be no calling hours or funeral service. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, at a later date.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Mae Tharpe

Mae (Rutledge) Tharpe, 96, died Sunday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Tharpe was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, and organized the Auburn chapter of Job's Daughters in 1950-51.

She was a 50-year member of the Auburn Order of the Eastern Star No. 103, and a past member of the American War Mothers and the Auburn Culture Club.

She was born Feb. 23, 1893 in Muncie, to the late James Z. and Alice R. (McLain) Rutledge.

She married Verle Tharpe on Jan 23, 1915 in Muncie. He died Dec. 10, 1975.

She is survived by one daughter, Roberta Hess of Auburn; one brother, Frank Anderson of Shreveport, La.; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Verle and Bernard, seven brothers, and two sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Order of the Eastern Star will conduct a service Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Hoyt Byrum, pastor of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

Kenneth Kruger

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth L. Kruger, 69, of 520 NE 20th St., Wilton Towers, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at his home.

He was born in Garrett Jan. 28, 1920, the son of Herman and Gertrude (Reeves) Kruger. He was a United States Air Force World War II veteran and retired executive director of Family and Children's Services in Fort Lauderdale.

Surviving is a brother, Floyd Kruger of Kendallville.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Anthony Steinbronn officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

Visitation is from 11 a.m. until services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or St. John Lutheran School.

Harry Hunt

PORTLAND — Harry D. Hunt, 79, died at 12:30 a.m. Monday in Community Care Center East. He was retired from Peoples Bank after six year and Cook Coffee Company afer 36 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy Campbell of Portland; three sisters, Pauline Morrell of Fort Wayne, Mary Belle Baker of Bluffton and Martha Stout of Corunna; two brothers, Robert F. Hunt of Warsaw and Clyde William Hunt of Paris, Calif.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland, where calling is 3-9 p.m. today with Masonic services at 9 p.m. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to to Masonic Home.

Virginia Quinn

Virginia M. (Marks) Quinn, 62, died Tuesday at 11:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She resided at 808 S. Dallas St., Auburn, and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, the Churubusco Legion Ladies Auxiliary, and the NABA Lodge of Auburn.

Mrs. Quinn was born Dec. 29, 1927 in Auburn to the late Harold and Adah (Guinn) Frazier.

She married Melvin E. Marks, who died in 1978. She then married Everett "Shorty" Quinn on Sept. 22, 1987. He survives.

Survivors include one daughter, Jewell A. Marks Traster of Auburn; two stepsons, Dewey Quinn of Auburn and Jeff D. Quinn of Palminto, Fla.; one stepdaughter, Elsie Jane Tackels of Avilla; two sisters, Anna Jane Green and Jewell E. Treesh, both of Edgerton, Ohio; two grandchildren and seven stepgrandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. F. Thomas Lallak, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be directed to the family.

Charles Albertson
Janice Albertson

EDGERTON, Ohio — Services for Charles E. Albertson, 35, and Janice M. Albertson, 33, were today at 2 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albertson died Saturday from injuries suffered in a highway collision south of Edgerton.

Mr. Albertson was a machinist at Edon Machine in Edon, Ohio. Mrs. Albertson was a finisher at Bryan Custom Plastics.

Surviving are a son, Chad, and a daughter, Brandy, both at home.

Mr. Albertson is survived by his mother, Juanita Huff, of Butler; and one sister.

Mrs. Albertson also leaves six sisters and two brothers.

Memorial donations may be made to Chad and Brandy Albertson.

Adam Thompson

Adam R. Thompson, 7, died Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

He lived at 122 E. Second St., Auburn.

He was born Aug. 22, 1982 in Fort Wayne to Cary and Julie (Hamilton) Thompson. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson of Auburn; the maternal grandparents, James and Janet Hamilton of Auburn; the maternal great-grandparents, Don and Wilma Colbert of Arcola, Fla.; and two paternal great-grandmothers, Ila Singleton of Mark Center, Ohio, and Carrie Thompson of Auburn.

Friends may call Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Don Dennison officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Preschool for the Handicapped, or to the DeKalb Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Doris Strock

PLEASANT LAKE — Doris E. Strock, 66, died Tuesday at 5:25 p.m. in her home on Golden Lake. She was a homemaker.

She was born April 15, 1923 in Auburn to Emmett and Erma (Larkin) Sharp. Her father survives in Auburn, and her mother is deceased.

She married Ernest Strock on June 21, 1941 in the Auburn Church of Christ. He survives.

Other survivors are three sons, Gary of Waterloo, Kevin of Angola, and Randy of Moscow Mills, Mo.; one daughter, Rita Walter of Butler; two brothers, Don Sharp of Pleasant Lake and LaVern Sharp of Golden, Colo.; two sisters, Wanita Nelson and Sandra Sharp, both of Auburn; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 3:30-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Abel officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

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Ruth Harris

BUTLER — Ruth D. Harris, 86, died Wednesday at 10:05 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, where she had been a patient for one day.

She was a homemaker and a Butler resident.

She was born Nov. 11, 1903 in Ottawa, Ohio to Charles and Elizabeth Behrens.

On Nov. 9, 1926, she married Vernon J. Harris in Defiance, Ohio. He preceded her in death on June 17, 1972.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Richmond of Butler; one brother, Gilbert Behrens of Defiance; two sisters, Velma Konst of Jackson Beach, Fla. and Pauline Miller of Ottawa, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Rick Richmond of Butler and Shelley Johnson of Auburn.

Private funeral services will be held at Johnson Funeral Home, Butler. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Robert Frank

Robert V. Frank, 79, died today at 7:45 a.m. in his home at 3314 County Road 19, Auburn.

He was a retired, self-employed plumber, and was the owner of Bob Frank Plumbing and Heating in Auburn. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He was born July 12, 1910 in Auburn to the late Vernon and Anna (Baker) Frank.

He married Phyllis H. Hewitt in September 1948 in Auburn. She survives.

He also is survived by one brother, DeLoss Frank of Akron, Ohio; and two sisters, Martha Meiser of Columbus, Ohio, and Harriett Wright of Kerrville, Texas.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at a time to be announced. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Virginia Quinn

Services for Virginia (Marks) Quinn have been rescheduled for Friday at 10 a.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

The Rev. F. Thomas Lallak, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

A rosary service will be tonight at 8 in the funeral home, with calling from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Mrs. Quinn, 61, died Tuesday at 11:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She resided at 808 S. Dallas St., Auburn, and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, the Churubusco Legion Ladies Auxiliary, and the NABA Lodge of Auburn.

She was born Dec. 29, 1927 in Auburn to the late Harold and Adah (Guinn) Frazier.

She married Melvin E. Marks, who died in 1978. She then married Everett "Shorty" Quinn on Sept. 22, 1987. He survives.

Survivors include one daughter, Jewell A. Marks Traster of Auburn; two stepsons, Dewey Quinn of Auburn and Jeff D. Quinn of Palminto, Fla.; one stepdaughter, Elsie Jane Tackels of Avilla; two sisters, Anna Jane Green and Jewell E. Treesh, both of Edgerton, Ohio; two grandchildren and seven stepgrandchildren.

Memorial donations may be directed to the family.

Lloyd Schrader

Lloyd E. Schrader, 75, died Wednesday at 12:06 p.m. in the DeKalb Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mr. Schrader was a lifelong farmer who resided on County Road 51 east of Auburn. He retired June 1, 1980 from Warner Gear in Auburn with 27 years of service. He attended the Concord United Methodist Church, and was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and the Warner Gear local of the United Auto Workers.

He was born March 1, 1914 in the village of Concord, in southeastern DeKalb County, to the late Edward and Daisy (Keller) Schrader.

He married Hazel Stimman on April 8, 1939. She died July 28, 1971.

Surviving are one son, Dean of Auburn; one daughter, Leota (Lane) Beam of Dayton, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

Two sisters and one granddaughter preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 3:30-5:30 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Russell Tague officiating. Burial will be in the St. Joe Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Concord United Methodist Church, St. Joe.

Robert Frank

Services for Robert V. Frank, 79 will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Mr. Frank died Thursday at 7:45 a.m. in his home at 3314 County Road 19, northwest of Auburn.

He was a retired, self-employed plumber, and was the owner of Bob Frank Plumbing and Heating in Auburn. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He was born July 12, 1910 in Auburn to the late Vernon and Anna (Baker) Frank.

He married Phyllis H. Hewitt in September 1948 in Auburn. She survives.

He also is survived by one brother, DeLoss Frank of Akron, Ohio; and two sisters, Martha Meiser of Columbus, Ohio, and Harriett Wright of Kerrville, Texas.

Elsie Heller

EDON, Ohio — Elsie I. Heller, 86, died Thursday at 7:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker, and resided in Edon, Ohio.

She was born May 18, 1903 in Paulding, Ohio to the late James and Elnora (Shook) Schoonover.

She married Owen Heller on March 31, 1923. He died May 28, 1978.

Surviving are one son, Walter of Fort Myers, Fla.; two daughters, Elinor Fox of Edon and Diana Best of Waterloo; one brother, Harley Schoonover of Butler; two sisters, Aline Zmijski of Sebring, Fla., and Esma Miller of Bryan, Ohio; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Eddy Cemetery of rural Hamilton. Dr. D.V. Dillinger of Auburn will officiate.

There will be no calling. Kundard Funeral Home of Edon is in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Stanley

BRIMFIELD — Virginia "Ginger" Stanley, 47, of Brimfield, died at 5:42 a.m. Sunday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been ill five months with bone cancer.

Born June 6, 1942 in Butler, she was the daughter of George R. and Ann B. (Kessler) Antrup, who survive in Avilla. On Nov. 15, 1958 in Auburn, she married Howard "Sonny" Stanley, who also survives.

Mrs. Stanley moved to Brimfield 24 years ago from Kendallville. She was a homemaker and bookkeeper for Stanley Sanitation and a member of True Church of God in Jesus Name.

Surviving with her husband and parents are a daughter, Tracey Stanley of Brimfield; two sons, Rocky Stanley of Brimfield, and Mick Stanley of Kokomo; a sister, Lou Ann Antrup of Auburn; three brothers, Richard and Robert Antrup, both of Auburn, and James Antrup of Butler; and two grandchildren, Danielle and Justin Stanley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in True Church of God in Jesus Name, Lisbon, with Rev. Erma Jean Hudgins of West Virginia officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, near Rome City.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Howard Smith

ANGOLA — Howard E. Smith, 69, died Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had resided at Route 7, Angola, for five years, and was a former Garrett resident. He worked in the transportation industry for 40 years, and served as regional manager for Signal Delivery in Kansas City from 1977 until 1984, when he retired.

Mr. Smith was a Navy veteran, serving in World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church of Fremont and the Angola post of the American Legion.

He was born Oct. 25, 1920 in Kendallville to the late Jess and Rosa (Fritz) Smith.

He married Iona Diederich on Sept. 3, 1938 in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Other survivors are two sons, Joe of Elkhart and John of Garrett; one daughter, Sandra Kelley of Kansas City, Mo.; two brothers, Harold of Kendallville and Russell of Auburn; one sister, Jessie Haynes of Auburn; six grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

One brother, Robert, and two sisters, Marjorie Magnuson and Josephine Strang, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Peace Lutheran Church of Fremont, with calling in the church from noon to service time. The Rev. Robert Weinhold will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with graveside military services by the Garrett American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

Herschel Link

Herschel E. Link, 76, died Sunday at 1:25 a.m. in his home in Auburn.

He retired from Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Co. in 1976, and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

He was born Feb. 3, 1913 in Beulah, Mich. to the late Evan and Nida (Creamer) Link.

He married Beatrice Livergood O'Brien on June 27, 1953. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, David Michael Link of Angola; one stepson, Charles E. O'Brien of Crawfordsville, Ind.; one stepdaughter, Marilyn Shannon of Auburn; three brothers, Milo of Mio, Mich., and Curtis and Arnold, both of Auburn; two sisters, Maza Guinn and Wilma Carper, both of Auburn; one aunt, one uncle, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. The Rev. F. Thomas Lallak and Father Gary Sigler will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the church, the DeKalb unit of the American Cancer Society, the DeKalb chapter of the American Heart Association, or the diabetic and kidney foundations.

Stephen Fitch

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Stephen David Fitch, 70, died Dec. 5 at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Fitch was the brother of James S. Fitch of Auburn, who survives.

Also surviving are his wife, Catherine (Kay) Fitch of Columbus; two sons, Stephen Fitch II of Webster, N.Y., and Richard Fitch of Dublin, Ohio; one daughter, Judith Hoza, of Columbus, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Fitch attended Purdue University and was a member of Theta Xi fraternity. During World War II, he served as a naval officer.

Mr. Fitch was a deacon of Worthington Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the U.S.S. Yorktown CU-10 Association, the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc., and the Purdue Club of Central Ohio.

Mr. Fitch was the vice president of Bry Air Inc., Sunbury, Ohio, at the time of his death.

Memorial services were Dec. 9 at the Worthington Presbyterian Church.

Alice Latier

HAMILTON — Alice Fee Latier, 93, of Route 1, Hamilton, died at 5 p.m. Sunday at her residence.

She was born March 7, 1896 in DeKalb County, the daughter of Henry and Addie (Jackman) Renner. She taught school in DeKalb County from 1915-20 and was retired. She was a member of Hamilton United Methodist Church, Home Ec Club of DeKalb County, Hamilton Grange, and a charter member of DAR and Study Club of Hamilton.

Surviving are a daughter, Eleanor Merritt of Severna Park, Md.; three sisters, Florence Husted of Hamilton, Sara Hughes of Joliet, Ill., and Helen Hughes of Delaware, Ohio; a brother, Walter Renner of Sun City Center, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Wilson Funeral Home, Hamilton, with Rev. Herschel Murray and Rev. Arthur S. Clark officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Winnie Ault

TUCSON, Ariz. — Winnie Mae Ault, 96, died Monday in the Desert Life Health Care Center, Tuscon, Ariz., where she had been a patient for three years.

She was member of the Catalina Methodist Church.

Mrs. Ault was married April 7, 1916 to Mencil Ault. He died April 25, 1986.

Surviving her are three sons, Lewis of Butler, Guy of Auburn, and Carl of Sun City, Ariz.; two daughters, Ruby Baughman and Ruth Abraham, both of Tucson; 22 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Mariellen Ladd, preceded her in death in 1984.

Adair Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorial services will be held at a later date in the Catalina Biblical Gardens.

Esther Wise

GARRETT — Esther Marrie Wise, 82, died Monday at 6:04 p.m. in DeKalb Health Care Center, Auburn.

She had been a Garrett resident since 1980. In 1970, she retired with 31 years of service to Hughes Aircraft Co. of California. She was also a retired minister with the United Spiritual Church in California.

She was born Dec. 5, 1907 in Wabash to Andrew and Charity (Olinger) Dunfee.

She was preceded in death by seven brothers and six sisters. Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. William Haworth, pastor of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

Graveside services will be Friday at noon in Fall Cemetery in Wabash.

Memorial donations may be sent to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Ruthann Mitchell

AVILLA — Ruthann Mitchell, 61, of 501 Water St., Avilla, died Tuesday evening in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville, where she had been a patient two weeks, following an extended illness.

She was born in Auburn Dec. 14, 1927, the daughter of Frank and Dorothy (Bennett) McCormick. On Nov. 17, 1946 in Kendallville, she married Ray Mitchell, who survives.

Mrs. Mitchell moved from Lisbon to Avilla in 1973. She had been a 4-H leader for 20 years and a long-time Sunday School teacher. She had taught at the ABC nursery school for many years. Her memberships include Calvary United Methodist Church, Kendallville Business and Professional Women's Club, Farmettes Extension Homemakers' Club and Susannah Circle of the church.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters, Cathy DeMatteo of Columbus, Ohio, Chris Buchanan of Kimmell, and Jane Aplin of Toledo, Ohio; a son, Bill Mitchell of Daleville; two sisters, JoEllen Mason of Westville, and Jeannette Kurtz of Kendallville; a brother, James McCormick of Kendallville; and six grandsons.

One daughter, Connie, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with Rev. Ronald Storms officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and at the church one hour before services on Friday.

Preferred memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church.

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Florence Mortorff

ASHLEY — Florence E. Mortorff, 79, died Thursday at 9:15 a.m. in the Life Care Center, Rochester, Ind.

A former Ashley resident, Mrs. Mortorff had resided in Rochester for the past seven years, and at the nursing home for two years. She was a beautician and member of the Ashley Order of the Eastern Star Lodge.

She was born Dec. 22, 1909 in Ahsley to the late James and Blanche (McKee) Crane.

She married Russell A. Mortorff on Dec. 22, 1930 in Marshall, Mich. He died Nov. 12, 1980.

Surviving her are three daughters, Mrs. Claude (Alice Jane) Miller of Palos Park, Ill., Mrs. Alex (Pat) Huck of Green Bay, Wis., and Mrs. Dick (Sharon) Fletcher of Rochester, Ind.; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Two brothers, Weir and John Crane, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services are Sunday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dewey Findley officiating. Burial will be in the Circle Cemetery at Hudson.

Memorial donations may made to the donor's choice.

Frances Allen

ASHLEY — Frances O. Allen, 76, died Thursday at 10:50 a.m. in the Byron Health Care Center, Huntertown.

She was a former Ashley resident and a teacher in area schools. She retired in 1978.

Mrs. Allen was a member of the St. John's Church of Christ, Ashley.

She was born Aug. 19, 1913 in Steuben County to the late Claude and Leona (Ransburg) Carpenter.

She married Cornelius M. Allen in August 1939. He died Aug. 25, 1988.

She is survived by two daughters, Deborah Teegardin of Monticello, Ind., and Cynthia Seater of Anchorage, Alaska; one brother, Robert Carpenter of Ashley; and five grandchildren.

One sister preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services are Sunday at 5 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Vernon Noll officiating. Burial will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Cemetery, Salem Center.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Foundation.

Betty Madden

BUTLER — Betty Madden, 68, died Saturday in Christopher Living Center, Evansville.

Miss Madden was a former resident of Butler. She was born April 30, 1921 in Butler to Howard and Grace (Fisher) Madden.

Services will by Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler. The Rev. Neil Butcher, pastor of the Butler United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Friends may call Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, rural Hamilton.

Lawrence Hammond

ROME CITY — Lawrence E. Hammond, 73, a Rome City resident the past six years, died at 2:24 p.m. Thursday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Muncie Oct. 29, 1916 and had lived in Fort Wayne and New Haven before moving to Rome City. He retired in 1979 after 22 years with Merklin Machine in Fort Wayne. He was active in LaGrange Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; six daughters, Theresa Nielson of Minneapolis, Minn., Patricia Webster of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Beverly Gonsalez of Roanoke, Va., Sally Kunke of Rock Springs, Wyo., Barbara Hibbs of Fort Wayne and Mary Anderson of New Haven; three sons, Richard Hammond of New Haven, LeRoy Hammond of Fort Wayne, and Larry Hammond of Garrett; two stepdaughters, Judy Englehart of West Hartford, Conn., and Madeline Byus of Oroville, Calif.; and a stepson, Eugene Miller of Kokomo.

Also surviving are two sisters, Annabelle Sadler and Clara Hoag, both of New Haven; a half-brother, Edward Richards of Fort Wayne; 28 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with Rev. Eugene Hommer officiating. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to LaGrange Church of the Nazarene or LaGrange County Heart Association.

Ardice L. Austraw

ANGOLA — Ardice L. Austraw, 80, died Friday at 2:30 p.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Austraw was a homemaker who had lived at Rural Route 7, Angola, near Hogback Lake. She was a former resident of Auburn.

She was born June 24, 1909 near Stryker, Ohio to John and Florence (Hamet) Werder.

She married Stephen Lester Austraw. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Florence L. Amick of Greenfield, Ind.; one brother, Frank Werder of Toledo; one sister, Bernice McKarns of West Unity, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending at McComb, Dilgard, and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Alice Kagey Frederick

SPENCERVILLE — Alice Virginia Kagey Frederick, 70, died early Friday in San Benito, Texas.

Mrs. Frederick was a graduate of Ball State University. She was a former teacher at Riverdale Elementary School in St. Joe and retired after 20 years in the classroom.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, John Houlton chapter, and a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ where she served many years on the missionary committee.

She was born Aug. 13, 1919 in Spencerville to Clyde and Gladys (Baltz) Hart.

She married Harold Kagey in 1942. He and one son preceded her in death.

In July 1989, she married Verne Frederick in Las Vegas. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Anne Reas and Martha Beard, both of St. Joe; a foster son, Gilbert Alicea of Knoxville, Tenn.; one brother, Karl Hart of Spencerville; one sister, Bernice Wilder of Spencerville; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

The family requests no flowers. Memorial donations may be sent to the missionary committee of the church.

Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling funeral arrangements.

Raymond Klemm

Raymond G. Klemm, 54, of 1407 Davidson Court, Auburn, died Thursday at 11:25 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Klemm had been a resident of Auburn for the last year. Before that, he lived in Fort Wayne for 13 years.

He retired in 1987 from Northern Indiana Public Service Co. after 31 years of service as an instrument man.

Mr. Klemm was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn and performed volunteer work for the church and the Boy Scouts of America.

He was born July 29, 1935 in East Chicago to John and Florence (Kleinman) Klemm.

On July 31, 1954, he married Rosemary Buckley in Hammond. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Kenneth of Fort Wayne, Kerry of Knoxville, Tenn., and Keith of Columbia City; a daughter, Laura Fisher of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Lloyd A. Bickel will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Burial will be in Concordia Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

The family prefers memorial gifts to the American Heart Association, Trinity Lutheran Church, or St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Munster.

Betty Madden

BUTLER — Betty Madden, 68, died Saturday in Christopher Living Center, Evansville.

Miss Madden was a former resident of Butler. She was born April 30, 1921 in Butler to Howard and Grace (Fisher) Madden.

Services will by Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Butler. The Rev. Neil Butcher, pastor of the Butler United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Friends may call Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, rural Hamilton.

John Smith

GARRETT — John L. Smith, 78, of Garrett, died at 9:30 p.m. Friday in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He worked for the DeKalb County Farm Bureau for 32 years before retiring in 1973.

Mr. Smith was born March 2, 1911 in Auburn to LeRoy and Jessie (Brown) Smith.

On July 1, 1947, he married Esther Lindsey in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ron Smith of Garrett; three daughters, Betty Squier of Angola, Bonnie Temple of Kendallville, and Connie Short of Houston, Texas; a sister, Donzella Conkle of Auburn, 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by three brothers.

Services were at 1 p.m. today in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Lloyd Mealer, pastor of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, was to officiate.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family prefers memorial gifts to the American Cancer Society.

Clarence Brown

HAMILTON — Clarence E. Brown, 78, of Hamilton, died at 4:05 p.m. Friday in Willow Ridge Living Center, Fort Wayne.

He was a brakeman and yardmaster for the Nickel Plate Railroad for 21 years before retiring in 1976.

Mr. Brown was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, the Leo Masonic Lodge, the Hamilton Odd Fellows Lodge, the Angola Moose Lodge, and the Leo Eastern Star Lodge.

He was born March 12, 1911 in Huntertown to Gloyd and Julia Loulettia (Krumlauf) Brown.

On Sept. 25, 1934, he married Emma M. Lehman in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Richard Allen of Leo; a daughter, Ruth Ann Padrick of Los Angeles; a brother, Robert Brown of Hidden Valley, Colo.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandsons.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Carl H. Satre, pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 2:30-5 and 7-9 p.m.

There will be a Hamilton Odd Fellows service tonight at 7, followed by a Leo Masonic Lodge service at 8.

Mr. Brown will be buried in Huntertown Cemetery.

The family prefers memorial gifts to the Leo Masonic Lodge.

George Talley

GARRETT — George Arthur Talley, 69, died Sunday at 11:45 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Talley was a lifelong resident of Garrett and a former freight conductor on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He retired from conducting in 1982 after 41 years of service on the B & O.

He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, where he served as a ruling elder; a trustee of the Garrett Masonic Lodge; a member of the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, the Mizpah Shrine, and the Cedar Creek Shrine Club.

Mr. Talley was also a member of the United Transportation Union, the Order of Railroad Conductors and Brakemen, and the Garrett Redevelopment Commission. He served as co-chairman of Garrett's recycling program and took part in the government surplus food program.

He was born Aug. 10, 1920 in Milan, Mich. to Claude and Emma (Bihr) Talley.

On Aug. 10, 1941, he married Cleo Smith in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Steven Talley of Garrett; two daughters, Judy Werkheiser of Garrett and Nancy Binder of South Bend; one brother, Robert Talley of Toledo; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One brother, Clarence, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A Masonic memorial service will be Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Garrett Presbyterian Church. The Rev. William Haworth, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Charles Crouch

Charles L. Crouch, 67, of East Seventh Street, Auburn, died Saturday at 11:50 a.m. at Three Rivers Convalescent Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Crouch was retired from the U.S. Army and DeKalb Memorial Hospital. He was was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and a World War II Army veteran.

He was born Aug. 6, 1922 in Lansing, Mich. to Corley and Helen (Tobias) Crouch.

He is survived by his wife, Mary L. "Peg" Crouch; three sons, John C. of Auburn, Michael J. of Norfolk, Va., and Thomas W. of Papillion, Neb.; a daughter, Mrs. Lacy Therese M. Bolen of Auburn; a brother, John P. of Fort Wayne; two sisters, LaVondah Cummings and Catherine Andrews, both of Fort Wayne; his stepmother, Rachel Crouch; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One son, David L., preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. The Rev. F. Thomas Lallak will officiate.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-6 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, or one hour before the funeral at the church. A rosary service will be Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in at the funeral home.

Mr. Crouch will be buried in Catholic Cemetery.

The family prefers memorial gifts to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen in Fort Wayne or the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Gale Bowser

SPENCERVILLE — Gale T. Bowser, 81, died Sunday at 3:35 p.m. in Community Hospital North, Indianapolis.

Mr. Bowser, a former Spencerville resident, had lived in Indianapolis for about two years. He was a machinist at General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1970.

He was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church, Concord Masonic Lodge No. 556 F & AM, and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne.

He was born June 5, 1908 in Spencerville to Raymond U. and Ethel (Brockerman) Bowser.

On Jan. 22, 1930, he married Janice A. Wade in Spencerville. She preceded him in death Nov. 27, 1986.

A brother, Roy Bowser, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons, James Bowser of St. Joseph, Mich. and Jerry Bowser of Indianapolis; two sisters, Cleo Reed of Auburn and Ada Sutter of Highland, Ind.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. A Masonic memorial service will begin at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church. The Rev. Leonard Shaffer, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in White City Cemetery, Spencerville.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

John Baugh

John D. Baugh, 24, of Auburn died Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was an employee of Eagle-Picher, Ashley.

Mr. Baugh was born Feb. 6, 1965 in Louisa, Ky. to Lonzo Baugh Sr. and Beatrice Baugh. They survive in Hamilton.

He married Julie Lynn Banks on Nov. 12, 1983 in Butler. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one son, Phillip, at home; two brothers, Lonzo Baugh Jr. of Topeka, and Robert Baugh of Hamilton; five nieces, and three nephews.

One brother, Charles T. Baugh, preceded him in death July 18, 1989.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Charles Whitt of Butler officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial donations may be made to the family.

Lois Logan

ASHLEY — Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Ashley for Lois Logan, 63, Pearl St., Ashley.

She died at 8:38 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Albert Schortgen

WATERLOO — Albert F. Schortgen, 83, died Monday at 9:20 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Schortgen was a retired farmer. He lived on postal Route 1, Waterloo in southern Steuben County.

He was born in DeKalb County on Oct. 5, 1906 to Ferdinand and Philamina (Homeyer) Schortgen.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel; a foster daughter, Yulonda Girardot of Waterloo; and five foster grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, north of Waterloo.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with prayer services at 8 p.m.

Lois Logan

ASHLEY — Lois A. Logan, 60, 208 W. Pearl, Ashley, died Tuesday at 8:38 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital from complications from heart surgery.

Mrs. Logan was born on June 19, 1929 to L.M. and Eula McCool Farver in Steuben County.

Mrs. Logan lived in Ashley for 25 years and worked at Moore Business Forms in Angola for 23 years. She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ, the VFW in Angola and Moore's Athletic Association.

Surviving are her mother, Eula Farver of Ashley; one son, Stan Logan of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Robert Farver of Ashley, Jack Farver of Waterloo and Larry Farver of Goshen; and one granddaughter, Tandice Logan of Auburn.

Mrs. Logan's father preceded her in death in 1956.

Services at 1 p.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson. Pastor Reuben Bebler will officiate. Calling from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour before services on Friday.

Burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Steuben County. Prefered memorials to St. John United Church of Christ.

Carson Culler

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Carson M. Culler, 86, died today at 12:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne, from injuries sustained in an Ohio auto accident. He had been a patient two weeks.

He lived at 919 E. High St., Hicksville. He was a 1920 graduate of St. Joe High School, and owned and operated a Chevrolet dealership in Hicksville from the 1930s to 1954. He also worked at the Chief Supermarket in Defiance, Ohio, and the Red and White in Bryan, Ohio.

Mr. Culler worked as a truck and parts inspector for the United States Army during World War II.

He was a member of DeKalb Lodge No. 214, F & A.M. and the Cedar Creek Shrine Club, both of Auburn, the Knights Templar of Angola, and the Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne. He served 21 years on the Defiance County Fair Board.

He was born May 28, 1903 in DeKalb County to Neff and Daisy (Thomas) Culler.

He married Annabelle Maxwell on Sept. 25, 1925 in Coldwater, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Grover "Pete" Culler of Birmingham, Mich., and Thomas Culler of Auburn; six grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday after 2 p.m. and Saturday after 9 a.m. at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. A Masonic service will be Friday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville. Memorial donations may be made to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Dr. Lawrence Hess

Dr. Lawrence Hess

Dr. Lawrence W. Hess, 89, died at 7:20 p.m. Thursday in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn. He had lived at the nursing home since 1987.

Hess received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University, and earned his Ph.D. in counseling and guidance from the University of Michigan in 1947.

From 1925-1942, he was a teacher at the elementary and secondary school levels, as well as a professor at the college and university levels.

From 1942-1947, he served as a captain in the United States Army in the Adjutant General's Department.

Dr. Hess then began private practice in career guidance and counseling service in Fort Wayne in 1947, which he continued until 1972.

He was a licensed Indiana psychologist, a professional member of the American Personnel and Guidance Association, a diplomate in counseling psychology of the American Psychological Association, and a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the national education fraternity.

Dr. Hess was a member of the Auburn Kiwanis Club and the Avilla American Legion. He was the president of the Allen County Mental Health Association from 1957-1959, a board member and a member of the education committee of the DeKalb County Mental Health Assoc. from 1972-82, and the director of the Indian Youth Conservation Program in Toppenish, Wash., in 1937.

Dr. Hess authored the book "How Will I Earn My Living?" He was listed in Who's Who in the Midwest, Creative and Successful Personalities, American Men of Science, National Register of Prominent Americans, Dictionary of International Biography, Two Thousand Men of Achievement, and the Royal Blue Book.

Dr. Hess was born Oct. 17, 1900 in Avilla to Adam and Mary M. (Berkes) Hess.

He married Mary L. Moore in Fort Wayne on Sept. 7, 1952. She died May 24, 1972. He later married Dorothy Hanes Frazee, who survives.

Also surviving are four nieces and three nephews.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. The Rev. Lloyd Bickel, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery in Avilla, with graveside military services conducted by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Memorial gifts may be presented to Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla; or Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Nancy Rocky

ANGOLA — Nancy Sue (Gramling) Rocky, 37, died Thursday at 8:28 a.m. in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

She was employed as a lab technician for Bauman & Harnish Co., Garrett. She previously worked as a dispatcher for the Steuben County Sheriff's Department and the Garrett Police Department.

She resided in Angola, but previously lived in Garrett for 10 years.

She was born July 6, 1952 in Garrett to L.D. and Cleota (Potts) Gramling. They survive in Angola.

Other survivors include two daughters, Stacy and Tara, both of Angola; two brothers, Ronald and Terry Gramling, both of Houston, Texas; and one sister, Carol Stegemoller of Toledo, Ohio.

Friends may call Tuesday, Dec. 26, from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will be Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Vern Noll and Howard Bloomquist officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Hospice.

Maxine Mooney

ST. JOE — Maxine K. Mooney, 60, died Monday at 10:51 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mooney resided at 5707 County Road 58, St. Joe.

She was born Dec. 1, 1929 in Indiana to Richard and Mabel Hanes.

She married Philbert Mooney in October 1977 in St. Joe. He survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Ruth Stahl, Wolcottville; and a half-brother, Morris Hanes, Garrett;

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, south of Garrett.

George Simanton

PHOENIX, Ariz. — George H. Simanton, 80, died Dec. 21 in Phoenix.

Mr. Simanton was born Aug. 2, 1909 in St. Joe and lived there and in Auburn until 1953. He worked in lumber sales and operated a concrete block plant while living in Auburn.

He was a member of the Masons and other local civic organizations.

He married Hazel J. Storer, who died in Phoenix on Aug. 29, 1978. Surviving are one son, Steve, and one daughter, Susan J. Gregory of Phoenix.

Services were conducted last week in Phoenix.

Woman found dead in snowy, rural lane

CORUNNA — A Fort Wayne woman was found dead in her car on a remote DeKalb County road Dec. 24.

Sandra Marqueling, 36, died of suicide due to hypothermia, according to a ruling by William H. Hathaway, M.D., DeKalb County Coroner. He said she may have been dead as long as three days before she was found.

A hunter discovered Mrs. Marqueling's snow-covered car parked in a private lane north of County Road 18. The half-mile gravel road is about 2½ miles northeast of Corunna, between CR 17 and CR 19.

Mrs. Marqueling had been reported missing a week before her body was found, said DeKalb County Sheriff Don Crowl.

A farewell note was found in the woman's purse, said DeKalb County Police Deputy Jay Oberholtzer, who investigated the death.

Oberholtzer said the hunter called police at 10:24 a.m. Corunna firefighters, DeKalb County EMS medics, and the sheriff's department responded. Oberholtzer said they found the woman's body lying across the front seat. A bottle of medication, nearly full, was on the floor, and a vodka bottle, nearly empty, was under the seat.

The car's doors were locked, and the keys were in the woman's purse, Oberholtzer said. The car's fuel tank was nearly full, and it was not easily seen from the road. Mrs. Marqueling had no apparent physical injuries. Results from a test of her blood have not been returned from a laboratory, Hathaway said.

The Evening Star did not report the incident earlier this week, because our reporters had been told it was a suicide. The Star generally does not report on suicides unless they are committed in a manner that attracts public attention.

However, Fort Wayne newspapers reported on the death in prominent stories Wednesday and Friday, before the coroner's suicide verdict.

One newspaper said Mrs. Marqueling had disappeared Dec. 17 after an argument with her 17-year-old son. Her husband told the newspaper that Mrs. Marqueling was under a great deal of stress and might have contemplated suicide. He said the family had been involved in counseling.

Mrs. Marqueling is survived by her husband and three children.

Karolyn Mosshammer Witmer

Karolyn Mosshammer Witmer, 31, died Friday in St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud, Minn., from injuries suffered in a car accident Thursday.

She was in Minnesota for a skiing holiday trip.

She lived in McQueeney, Texas, and worked as a driver for United Parcel Service. She was a 1977 graduate of DeKalb High School, and attended Tri-State University and the University of Texas.

She was born Oct. 23, 1958 in Fort Wayne. She is survived by parents Jim and Tootie Witmer of Auburn, and Ed and Judy Mosshammer of Hamilton; one brother, Greg Mosshammer of West Lafayette; two sisters, Kelli L. Witmer of Bloomington and Taya Houlton of Columbus, Ohio; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Leo Burkett of Angola; and a paternal grandmother, Mrs. Marion Woodward of California.

Friends may call from 2-9 p.m. Monday at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Clark E. Hobby, pastor of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, will officiate.

Memorial donations may be presented to the DeKalb High School Co-Ed Athletic Fund.

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